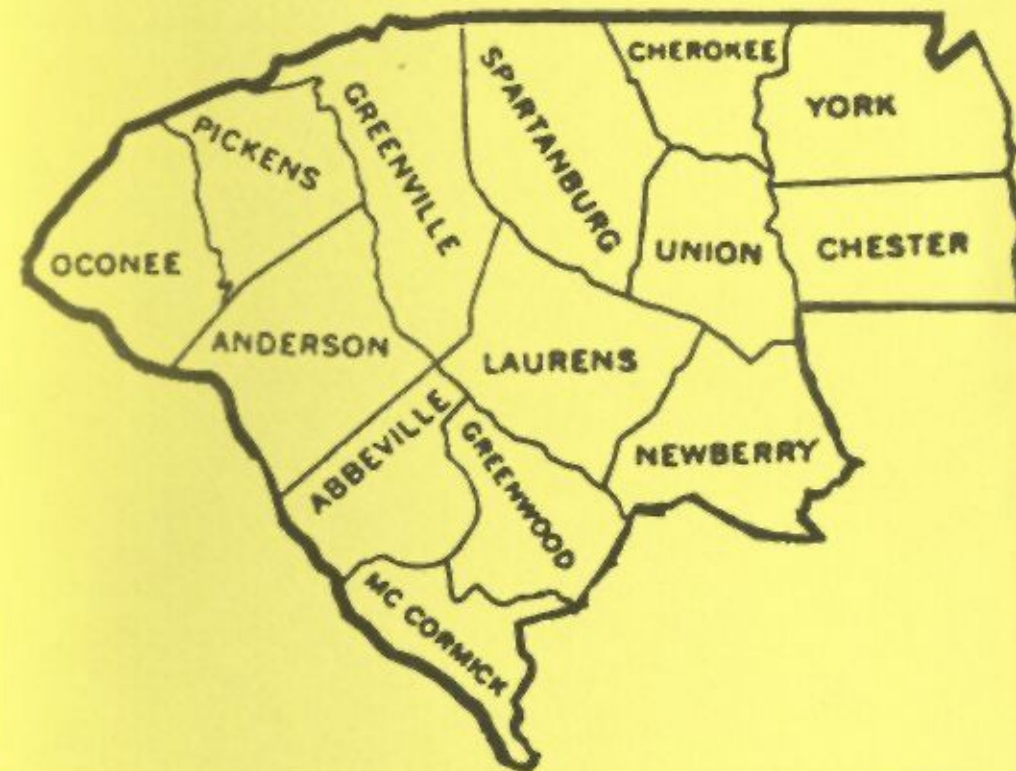


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## A BRIEF SKETCH AND FAMILY RECORD OF FRANCIS CLINCKSCALES (1739-1837)

Contributed by William D. Martin 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC

Source: "CAROLINA ROUNDUP Kay-Clinkscases-Pratt and Related Families", (1965), compiled by Mrs. Marion Horton Shook

### Francis Clinkscases, Sr

Francis Clinkscases, Sr. was born in Charles Co., Md., ca 1739 and died in Anderson Co., S.C. October 1837 in his 99th year. He m. (1) Mary Franklin by whom he had six children, and (2) Mary Carpenter, in Charles Co., by whom he had five children.

Not long after the death of his first wife, Francis Clinkscases moved his family to Westmoreland Co., Va. but remained there only about a year; then moved again to South Carolina settling first in Abbeville District on Chickasaw Creek about a mile from Due West. There he remained about two years; then made his last move to a tract on Broad Mouth Creek some four miles east of Honea Path (Anderson District). There he died and was buried in a family plot on his land. No legible stone now marks the spot.

Record of his estate is in [Probate Court] Roll 140, Anderson, S.C. and his will is recorded in Book B, p. 74. Dated Nov. 18, 1831, proved and recorded Jan. 15, 1838, it names his seven surviving children plus those of his two daughters who died before he did, leaving heirs. Sales of his personal property, including twelve slaves, took place Apr. 25 and 26, 1838; the auctioneer was Christopher Orr and the clerk James L. Orr. Among the buyers were John Clinkscases, Sr., Wm. F. Clinkscases, James Kay, Jr., Marion Kay, Betty Kay, Elias Kay, Stephen Kay, Charles Kay, William Clinkscases — son of John, Francis B. Clinkscases, John Clinkscases, Jr., Asa Clinkscases, Fielding Kay, Pleasant Kay, Mason Kay, James Kay, Rev. James Kay, Nancy Nelson, Levi Clinkscases, Isaac Clement, and Wm. Pleasant Kay. Numbered among these are son, and grandsons.

In 1850 his daughter Elizabeth Ann Kay (b. 1788) gave her place of birth as in Maryland. Francis Clinkscases, with his family, probably arrived in South Carolina about 1790, or perhaps a bit later. ...

### Issue:

1. Katherine Clinkscases b. ca 1772, died before her father, m. ca 1790 James Campbell.  
Lived in home called "White Horse" on Trail Road. 6 children.
2. Priscilla Clinkscases b. ca 1774, m. ca 1792 Isaac Clement.  
Lived on Trail Road below the Campbells. 4 children.
3. Jane B. Clinkscases b. ca 1776, m. ca 1794 Jehu Orr (as his second wife), b. Va. ca 1763;  
d. Anderson Co., S.C. Mar 1827 in his 64th year. 1 child.
4. William Clinkscases b. ca 1778, m. ca 1805 Colly Davis.
5. John Clinkscases, b. May 8, 1780, d. Feb. 8, 1858, m. Jan. 10, 1810 Mary Pyles (or m. Feb. 1, 1810),  
She was b. May 2, 1789, d. June 3, 1862, (daughter of John & Elizabeth Pyles).
6. Levi Clinkscases b. Oct. 4, 1785, d. Aug. 13, 1843, m. Aug. 20, 1807 Mary Polly Rice b. Mar. 18, 1791,  
d. July 31, 1867, (daughter of Hezekiah Rice and Mary Leftwich, it is thought).  
Last child by first wife.
7. Francis Bucher Clinkscases b. Oct. 3, 1786, d. Sept. 19, 1858, m. (1) Eleanor "Ally" Brownlee,  
b. ca 1791, d. Aug. 28, 1831, (daughter of Geo. Brownlee);  
m. (2) Barbara Postel (or Pursell) Hickman b. ca 1805, d. Nov. 12, 1862.



8. Elizabeth Ann Clinkscales b. June 4, 1788, d. Aug. 5, 1830, m. Rev. James Kay b. June 30, 1787, d. May 27, 1857 (son of James Kay and Grace Elgin).
9. Richard Clinkscales, died without issue before his father.
10. Mary Clinkscales b. Feb. 23, 1797, d. May 19, 1827, m. Gabriel Kay b. Jan 18, 1793, d. Mar 12, 1850. (son of James Kay and Grace Elgin).
11. Ezekiel Clinkscales, reached maturity but died without issue before his father.

NOTE: All but Richard and Ezekiel are mentioned by name in the will of their father.

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### FAMILY OF JANE B. CLINKSCALES ORR OF ANDERSON DISTRICT

Contributed by William D. Martin 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC

Source: "CAROLINA ROUNDUP Kay-Clinkscales-Pratt and Related Families", (1965), compiled by Mrs. Marion Horton Shook

Jane B. Clinkscales (usually listed as Jane Bucher Clinkscales) b. ca 1776, d. ca 1857, Anderson Co., S.C. (daughter of Francis Clinkscales, Sr. and his first wife, Mary Franklin). She married (as his second wife) Jehu Orr b. N.C. ca 1763, d. Anderson Co., S.C. Mar. 18, 1827, aged 64. He was an innkeeper, who, on Feb. 12, 1827, was stabbed by one Uriah Sligh; he died of the wound on March 18. His will, [Probate Court] roll 524, Anderson Co., S.C., dated Feb. 5, 1827, prov. Mar. 30, 1827 names three heirs; his wife, Jane B. Orr, to have 1/3 of estate, the balance to be divided between other heirs, not mentioned by name. Exors: Christopher Orr, and Jane B. Orr, widow, also Thomas Rays. Papers on the estate show his heirs to have been Jane B. Orr - 1/3, Christopher Orr - 1/3, and 1/3 to the heirs of Lodovic Orr, viz: Charlotte Orr (over 14), Emily & Jane Caroline Orr (under 14). Nancy Orr was guardian of her three minor children named above. Jane Caroline perhaps later married a Hunnicut.

#### Christopher Orr, only child of Jane B. Clinkscales Orr

1. Christopher Orr b. 1794, d. 1864 (son of Jane Bucher Clinkscales and Jehu Orr), m. 1820 Martha McCann b. 1794, d. 1862 (daughter of Robert McCann, son of Thomas McCann and Jane Stewart)

#### Family of Christopher Orr

1. Jane Stewart Orr b. Oct. 21, 1820, m. William Henry Calhoun (nephew of John Caldwell Calhoun)
2. James Lawrence Orr b. May 12, 1822, d. May 5, 1873, m. Nov. 16, 1843 Mary Jane Marshall b. Nov. 27, 1826 (or 1827), d. Sept 21, 1898 (daughter of Dr. Samuel Marshall & Eliza Clopton Foster). [See p. 110 below]
3. Martha Elvira Orr b. June 24, 1824.
4. Harvey Christopher Orr b. Apr. 15, 1826, d. Mar. 12, 1891, m. Mary Elizabeth Weatherall.
5. Jehu Amaziah Orr b. Apr. 10, 1828, married (1) Elizabeth Gates by whom one child; married (2) Cornelia Ewing Vandergraff, by whom three children: (1) William Gates Orr, (2) Corrie Orr married \_\_\_\_\_ Harris, (3) Pauline Vandergraff Orr.

NOTE: James Lawrence Orr was born in Craytonville, Anderson County, S.C. His family started Orr Mills in Anderson County.

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### A MONUMENT FOR HON. JAMES LAWRENCE ORR OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Source: *The Anderson Intelligencer*, issue of Thursday August 19, 1875. p. 3, col. 1

#### In Memoriam

The monument erected over the resting place of the late Hon. James L. Orr, in the Presbyterian Cemetery at this place, is one of the handsomest and most beautiful pieces of sculpture in the upper portion of the State. It is wrought of the purest Italian marble by Mr. Van Gunden, of the firm of Van Gunden & Young, of Philadelphia, and is finely proportioned and highly polished, resting upon a firm brick foundation, covered with green sod, and consists of a solid marble base, three and a half feet square and three in height, upon which rests another base a little smaller and one foot in height, giving it a graceful, tapering appearance. Upon this rests the inscription shaft, which is about two and a half feet square by three and a half high, and contains

upon the western side,

"James L. Orr,

Born May 12, 1822, in Anderson County, S.C.

Died May 5, 1873, at St. Petersburg, Russia."

On the northern side is,

"He filled the following positions: S.C. Legislature, 1844-48; U.S. Congress, 1848-59;  
Speaker of 35th Congress; Col. of Orr's Regiment of Rifles, 1861."

On the eastern side is,

"Confederate States Senate, 1861-65; Governor of S.C., 1865-68;  
Grand Master of the G.L.A.F.M. of S.C., 1865-68; Judge of 8th Circuit of S.C., 1868-73"

On the southern side is,

"Erected by his Widow and Children."

The top of this shaft is crowned with a bundle of laurels, presenting the leaves and berries of the natural tree, imitated with wonderful skill by the sculptor, and upon this rests a broken Corinthian column of about six feet in height, beautifully fluted and entwined with a garland of ivy, magnificently carved with a richness of foliage that charms the beholder, and presents every leaf standing alone in remarkable projection. It is indeed a master piece of workmanship, and fitly commemorates the many services which the sleeping statesman rendered his fellow-men during the brilliant and useful career of his life.

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### DEATH NOTICE OF FRANCIS MARION KAY OF ANDERSON COUNTY

Source: *The Anderson Intelligencer*, Thursday, Oct 27, 1887, p. 3, col. 2

Mr. Francis Marion Kay, an aged and highly respected citizen of this County, died at his home in Martin Township last Friday, after a long illness, aged 75 years. Mr. Kay was an exemplary member of the Methodist Church, and was a good man in every sense of the word. He was well known throughout the lower section of the County, and his death is deeply regretted by his friends. His remains were interred in the graveyard at Ebenezer Church on last Saturday, Rev. W. A. Hodges conducting the funeral services.

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# A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF FRANCIS MARION KAY

Contributed by James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Source: *The Anderson Intelligencer*, issue of Wednesday, May 12, 1897, p. 1, col. 3

## THE EBENEZER SECTION [ANDERSON COUNTY]

Another Good Citizen of A Good Community

### Francis Marion Kay, Honored and Esteemed by Every One.

Mr. Editor: Francis Marion Kay, though not so prominent in public life as Col. John Martin and Rev. A. Rice, yet like them contributed largely to the prosperity and popularity of the Ebenezer section of Anderson county. He was the eldest son of Gabriel and Mary Kay, nee Clinckscals, and was born near Broadmouth church, in Abbeville county, on the 22d day of May, 1816. When he was a small boy his father moved from Abbeville into the Ebenezer neighborhood, where he grew to manhood and afterwards lived and died.

His was quite an extensive family connection on both sides, as I presume all the Kays in Abbeville and Anderson counties are more or less related; and then his mother, being a Clinckscals, brought him into connection with that very extensive and respectable family. At a reunion of the latter family a year or two ago, Col. John G. Clinckscals made a speech in which he humorously said he had often read and heard of Adam, but never knew his surname until he came to trace back the Clinckscals family, and then found that it was "Clinckscals" — Adam Clinckscals being the elder ancestor.

F. M. Kay, the subject of this sketch, was rather of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and subsequently never aspired to or sought public office of any kind. As a matter of accommodation to his neighbors he held the office of postmaster, at his own house, for some length of time before the war. The name of the office was Orrville. In addition to the oversight of his farm, his life work was that of a blacksmith, and not only one of the best, but the best I ever saw. I have often watched him as he put his labor and skill on a piece of metal, sparkling hot from the furnace, and it seemed as if he knew exactly where and how to strike it so as not to give one lick more, nor one less, than was really necessary to perfect the thing desired. As evidence of his skill, he left his family quite a number of well-made and nicely polished tools of various sorts and sizes.

He was twice married. The first time to Miss Rebecca Manning, a daughter of Esquire Manning, and sister of Rev. Joseph Manning, a well-known local preacher of that section. To this union were born two sons and four daughters, several of whom are still living in this county. His second marriage was to Miss Mary E. Pratt, of Abbeville county, who bore him seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are now living in this and adjoining counties, except one son who died in young manhood a few years ago.

Mr. Kay was converted and joined the Methodist church at Ebenezer early in life, a relation he well maintained until he entered the church triumphant. He took much delight in religious services, and greatly enjoyed a good sermon, under which the big tears could often be seen rolling down his cheeks. As the Rev. Mr. Tyler used to say, a few such earnest and devoted men as that in a congregation would make a preacher preach himself to death.

Mr. Kay was a very quiet, peaceable, kind and sympathetic neighbor. Free himself from a spirit of bitterness and meanness, he greatly despised it in others. Near the close of the war he went into camp with the old men on the coast of South Carolina, and remained there three months. As he was the only blacksmith in a very large section of the county, he was discharged from the army on a petition

of the people. From this time on he continued to work at his favorite occupation until 1887, when he had to retire of account of failing health; and on the 21st day of October that year, after a lingering illness and much suffering for several months he died at his home where for more than half a century he had lived. His remains were laid to rest in Ebenezer cemetery, where he had witnessed and assisted in many burials, and where sleep the dust of many of his loved ones. The funeral services were conducted by the late Rev. W. A. Hodges in the presence of numerous relatives and friends. Senrab.

## HISTORIC ROCK AT CHESTER PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY

Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Sunday, January 30, 1938, p. 13, col. 5

### Stone on Which Burr Made Futile Appeal for Aid Moved to Square

By J. B. Hicklin

Preserved for posterity is the stone on which Aaron Burr, vice-president of the United States in the Jefferson administration, made his last desperate appeal for aid in escaping the guard that was him to Richmond to stand trial for treason. Through the interest of the Mary Adair chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Chester, the stone has been moved from near city hall on West End to the south side of the square where it stood on that memorial day in 1806. While passing through Chester en route to Richmond under heavy guard, Burr is said to slipped his escort and quickly mounted the rock.

### Appeal of No Avail

From that point of vantage, he appealed to the loafers who frequented the spot to rescue him. The plea was to no avail, however, and he was hurried along. At Richmond he was acquitted of the charge of seeking to set up an independent government in lands claimed by the United States in the Southwest. Securely cemented to its original location, the stone bears tablets setting forth:

"Aaron Burr Rock

Erected by

Mary Adair Chapter, D.A.R.

1938"

"In 1806 Aaron Burr while passing through Chester, a prisoner, dismounted on this rock and appealed, in vain, to the citizens for help."

### Hamilton Killed in Duel

After a brilliant political career, in which he narrowly missed becoming president instead of Jefferson, Burr became embroiled with Alexander Hamilton. So heated did the controversy become that it culminated in a duel in which Hamilton was mortally wounded. Burr finished his term as vice-president in 1805, but was repudiated by his party and abhorred by his former associates, and so turned to extensive travels in the West.

On an island in Ohio river owned by an eccentric man named Blennerbassett, he collected men and supplies and proceeded down the Mississippi river with his armed expedition. To his many supporters in the West, he represented it an attack on Mexico; to British and Spanish officials he declared his intention to wrest Louisiana from the United States and organize a new government, but neither of the powers would give him the desired aid. At Natchez, the expedition was halted by a garrison and Burr was ordered on trial in the United States circuit court at Richmond for treason.

After his acquittal, Burr lived abroad a lonely and broken man. He returned to New York in 1830 and died shortly after his arrival.



## AN 1894 CLINKSCALES FAMILY REUNION IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Contributed by William D. Martin, 3930 Hwy 413, Anderson, SC 29621

Source: *The Abbeville Medium*, issue of August 30, 1894

Wednesday of last week was a joyous day for the Clinkscales family of this County. On that day there was a great gathering of the connections from all points of the compass. Some came from even far away Missouri, from Georgia, other states, and from all over South Carolina. Between four and five hundred persons made up the great assembly. Venerable old men, grandmothers, mothers, stalwart young men, rose girls, and handsome children were on hand.

The reunion was the conception of our old friend, Lewis C. Clinkscales, one of the most useful, reputable, and substantial citizens of the County. Under his management it was a crowning success and a golden day for all who had the good fortune to be present. It was a task indeed to trace up all the connections scattered all over this broad land, but it was well and successfully accomplished.

One hundred and thirty years ago Adam Clinkscales came from Scotland and settled on the Potomac near Port Tobacco. From him the whole family descended. He was a man of high character and great energy and transmitted these good qualities to his children, and to this day they are characteristics of the whole family, securing them honor and respect wherever they may reside.

The place of reunion was fortunately selected on the L.C. Clinkscales place near Midway Church in a beautiful grove, the ground being as level as a floor. A neat stand had been constructed for the orators of the day. Comfortable seats were provided in front for the whole crowd and a substantial brush arbor covered the audience. The Edwards Quartette from Due West, with stringed instruments, furnished the music. The selections were admirable, the renditions excellent, and the music was one of the most pleasant features of the program.

Honorable R.P. Clinkscales of Anderson was chairman and after a few appropriate words, he introduced Hon. J.L. Orr, whose grandmother was a Clinkscales, as the first speaker of the day. Col. Orr was brief but happy in what he had to say and his remarks were heard with perfect and appreciative attention.

Prof. John G. Clinkscales of Clemson College was the next speaker. He discussed the genealogy of the family and was decidedly entertaining. He abounded in interesting facts and he made a good showing for the name. "Honesty and Industry" were the characteristics of the Clinkscales family in Scotland and the same is true of the American branch. We regret that we have not the space to give a summary of what Prof. Clinkscales had to say.

At the request of Mr. L.C. Clinkscales, the editor the "*Medium*" made a few remarks on family reunions in general while the tables were being prepared. This however, was not down on the programs and his speaking was an afterthought.

After dinner George Prince, Esq. of Anderson, spoke on what is to be done by the Clinkscales family in keeping pace with the progress of the times. His observations evinced much and careful thought and his speech was a fitting conclusion to the oratory of the day.

The dinner was superb and was served under a brush arbor near the place of speaking. Four long tables, ranged side by side, with sufficient intervening space to accommodate the people, being filled twice. Each table accommodated fifty persons.

There were stacks of custard, pyramids of cake, bushels of fried chicken and, from an adjacent pit, came runners with immense trays of savory hash, steaming hot, perfectly seasoned, and fit for the most fastidious epicure. But it is useless to undertake to enumerate all the good things under which the tables

groaned. There was everything ample means and generous hospitality could provide. On the first table there were four memorial cakes to Adam Clinkscales, the great grandfather, and his sons: Francis, William and Samuel. On the second table there were five memorial cakes to Francis, the grandfather, and his four sons: William, John, Levi, and Francis. All these ancestral names were artistically wrought in distinct letters of icing and were much admired.

A streamer bearing the words "Clinkscales Greetings" was in position on the speaker's stand. On the front were the following sentences in large Roman capitals: "GOD HAS BEEN GRACIOUS TO US," and "PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME." On the right of the stand looking from the front was the motto furnished by Prof. J.G. Clinkscales: "HONESTY AND INDUSTRY." On the left was the motto furnished by Hon. J.L. Orr: "FULL WEIGHT MAKES THE SCALES CLINK."

During the day pitchers of lemonade and pure water were constantly passed through the audience and at the headquarters of the culinary department there was coffee for all from the beginning to the close of the festivities.

The buggies and carriages were ranged around the stand in an almost perfect square. Everything was done for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

In every particular the reunion was a model. The day was bright and cheerful, the company happy and in good spirits. The welcome was cordial and the hospitality unbounded. And we wish all who were present long life and prosperity.

NOTE: a second reunion was planned for August 1899. On the committee:

Prof. John G. Clinkscales, Chm., Clemson, S.C.; Geo. E. Prince, Esq. of Anderson, S.C.; Dr. John A. Robinson of Due West, S.C.; Col. James L. Orr of Greenville, S.C.; Hon. R. Clinkscales of Starr, S.C.; Mr. J. Fulton Clinkscales of Troy, S.C.; and Col. John W. Clinkscales of Carrollton, Mo.

## THE IRON WORKS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY UP FOR SALE IN 1788, FIRST NOTICE

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road Campobello, SC 29322  
Source: *The Columbian Herald* (Charleston), issue of Thursday, April 24, 1788, p. 4, col. 2

### Pacolet Springs

AND

### Valuable Iron works

FOR SALE

On Thursday,

The 15<sup>th</sup> day of May next

WILL BE SOLD,

At Public Auction,

Near the Exchange [in Charleston]

4574 Acres of Land on Pacolat River and Lawson's Fork (a branch of that river) containing the well known valuable *Iron Works* formerly *Buffington's* and the highly reputed *Pacolet Springs*.

The conditions will be declared at the time.

John W. Gibbes & Co.



## OLD SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY STILL LIVES AT "LIBERTY HALL", NEAR FOUNTAIN INN, GREENVILLE COUNTY

By Caroline Coleman

Source: *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* Sunday, January 15, 1939, p. 13, col. 2.

### 3,000 PERSONS VISITED LAST YEAR AT "AUNT TEMPIE" HISTORIC PLANTATION

Although no gallant Southern beaux, or hoop-skirted belles linger in the hallways, and the voices of the slaves singing in the fields are forever stilled, old Southern hospitality still lives in the home of Mrs. Temperance McKittrick on the Dixie highway in lower Greenville county.

Mrs. McKittrick, better known as "Aunt Tempie" is of the fifth generation of her family to own this "Liberty Hall" plantation, near Fountain Inn, where for nearly two centuries "open house" has been associated with the history and tradition of the old place. The fact that there are now no slaves to lighten the work of entertaining as of yore does not daunt "Aunt Tempie." This charming woman, more than 70 years old, has the energy and determination of youth. She likes to cook and she likes company.

Friends drop in to call, remain to spend the day — or the week. Visitors arrive in the summer to stay a month, and the casual visitor arriving at "Aunt Tempie's" in time for a noonday meal will probably find the table set for 18 persons, with a side table ready to accommodate the overflow. One is always sure of having congenial companionship at "Aunt Tempie's". At least one governor-elect has dined at "Liberty Hall" more than once; while dignified lawyers, college presidents, ministers, doctors — men and women of high estate — rub elbows here with the poorest and most humble, for the hostess numbers her friends in every walk of life. Somehow when her friends meet in her home, they all seem to fit in and "a good time is had by all."

#### Nearly 3,000 Visitors

In her little black book, Mrs. McKittrick keeps a record of her visitors. Nearly 3,000 persons have visited at her home during the past year, the record states, and most of them have stayed for at least one meal. "If twice that many had come they would have been welcome," said this gracious woman whose hobby is hospitality. Visitors from eight states, from Brazil, and New Zealand are numbered among those on the list.

Mrs. McKittrick's plantation, originally known as the "Chandler place," dates back to pre-Revolutionary days. In her possession is the original land grant made out to William Davenport, an ancestor of the present owner, and the first owner of the tract. The grant is signed by Governor Moultrie, governor of the colony and approved by King George III. William Davenport who founded New Haven, Conn., came with his wife, Phoebe, down the mountain passes from Pennsylvania to settle near Newberry.

#### Pioneers Acquire Cabin

Shortly afterward, the young couple came with their neighbors to settle this spot, now part of Greenville county. The pioneers camped under some bushes until they could build a rude shelter on their land. Soon they had acquired a two-room log cabin, a spinning wheel, and two babies, but they had no slaves, and in a day when every necessity of had to be produced at home by hard labor, this was a real hardship. The cabin home was located on the old Augusta road, a famous much traveled highway in early days when Augusta and Charleston were the only available markets for a vast section of "back-country." Along this road frequently came groups of slaves being taken by traders to Charleston or Augusta. One day a group of blacks, weary and footsore, followed by their by their master in a buggy stopped at the Davenport home to rest. They were being taken from Virginia to Charleston, and in the

group was an ugly black mammy with twin babies. The husband had been left behind, and the woman was so sullen and troublesome that the master left her at the Davenports — glad to be rid of her. Two years later as more slaves neared this home, the black woman hoeing in the fields saw her husband, and uttering a loud cry she jumped over a ten-rail fence to seize him. The Davenports bought the man and to this slave-couple were born 20 children. This accounted in part for the prosperity of the plantation. At William Davenport's death, he left a large estate. The home-place was the heritage of Temperance Davenport, who married Allen Chandler.

#### Center of Hospitality

For many years, the Chandler place was the center of gracious hospitality. The long, low-ceiled rooms echoed to the merry laughter of bonny maids and brave boys in gray during the War Between the States. The return of any of the boys in the community from the front was a signal for a gathering at the Chandlers' and though their elders might be heavy hearted with forebodings, there was always fun for the young people.

Hog drovers, horse drovers, peddlers, and all the picturesque array of travelers in a picturesque day soon learned to stop at the house by the side of the road for free food and lodging. The owner, perhaps, had never heard the arresting poem concerning one who would "Be a friend of man," but he might have been the original on with that thought in mind. When the Chandlers' beds were all occupied, extra comers slept on the floor, it was said. On one occasion floor space was in the upstairs bedrooms was at premium and the fellow nearest the stairway rolled downstairs in the middle of the night, and much disgruntled took himself off home. "Allen Chandler would have been a rich man if it had not been for his having company all the time," said a relative of the Chandlers.

Susan, one of the daughters of Allen Chandler, was married to James Scot, a "full blooded Irishman," afterward known as the "Jolly Irishman of the Red Shirts," and to their daughter, Tempie, the oldest grandchild, and to her husband, S.T. McKittrick, fell the historic Chandler place.

"Hospitality" was in the blood and the traditions of the ancient home were retained.

Widowed early in life and with the care of an invalid son, Mrs. McKittrick's greatest pleasure was the visits of her friends. The son, Fred McKittrick, was an internationally known invalid before his death at age 45. His wheel chair was always the center of the jolly group of friends who came from many states to talk with the interesting invalid. Through the Sunshine bulletin, Fred McKittrick acquired correspondence all over the United States, Canada, and in Europe. His letters were mostly written by his mother, who still maintains an extensive correspondence since her son's death. Her little book records 251 letters and 536 cards written in 1938. Mrs. McKittrick also has a small lending library for neighbors and friends. The hundreds of books sent Fred McKittrick by his pen-friends are now being enjoyed by others who borrow from the library. Among these are a number of Autographed copies of famous books, including a copy of "Freckles", sent by Gene Stratton Porter from her California home with the tribute to Fred McKittrick in the author's handwriting.

The present house built more than 40 years ago by S.T. McKissick, to replace the old house which was crumbling into decay, contains enough rooms so that today's guests do not roll downstairs, but even now the rooms are often filled to overflowing in summer when "Aunt Tempie's" city friends yearn for country breezes and country ham and fried chicken.

A "home-grown supper on a certain moonlight night in October", has been an institution at "Aunt Tempie's" for many years. The guests are dignified, elderly men of Greenville who go back to their boyhood days on such occasions and enjoy a good old-fashioned country supper, A.G. Gower, J.A. Russell, William Goldsmith and William Laughlin compose the group. The late C.A. David was also



of the group who revived old memories at "Aunt Tempie's board."

Among the interesting old documents in "Aunt Tempie's" possession is the old will of William Davenport written by the late Benjamin F. Perry and signed by William Cauble and Alexander McBee as witnesses. The will disposes of about a thousand acres of land and many slaves besides numerous bequests of cash and other property. When the will was probated in 1844, it was signed by six other men whose names made history in Greenville county in earlier days, Benjamin Arnold, David McCullough, Tully Boldin, Levi Shumate, Nimrod Donaldson and Willis Chandler.

Another interesting relic is a handmade arithmetic. The book is composed of examples, "sums" done in the fine script of the author, Isaac Davenport. It is written on fine parchment paper, and covered with homespun cloth. One of the terms frequently used in this book is "vulgar fractions." A number of pieces of homespun, and home-woven cloth, bedspreads and other articles, besides antique pieces of furniture are still in "Aunt Tempie's" possession.

It is "Aunt Tempie's" request that the daughter will inherit the historic home, as the sixth generation of the family to live here, shall carry on the place since the first owners set up their household goods under the bushes of the forest.

[See pages 126-130 below for the will of William Davenport, the heirs of Allen Chandler, and the heirs of James Scott. It will be seen that Aunt Tempie is of the fourth generation at "Liberty Hall", not the fifth as stated above.]

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PETER GARRISON, OCTOGENARIAN OF YORK COUNTY

Source: *Yorkville Enquirer*, issue of Wednesday July 29, 1903, p. 1, col. 6

#### PETER GARRISON

In the portrait which we have the pleasure of presenting today will be found a good likeness of one of the best known and most distinguished old men of York county - Mr. Peter Garrison, of Ebenezer township. [The photograph will be omitted here.]

Mr. Garrison was born near Ebenezer church on October 9, 1820, and on the 9th of October will celebrate his 83rd birthday. His grandfather was a soldier of the war the Revolution, his father served in the war of 1812, and he himself served not only as a soldier in the civil war: but he has distinguished himself as a useful and patriotic citizen, who has been worth much to his church, his country and his state. Mr. Garrison received his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood in which he was born, and had about one year in Ebenezer academy, an institution which, in his boyhood, had the reputation of being one of the best and most efficient high schools in the state. The academy was at that time under the management of Prof. J.P.D. Currence.

After leaving school, Mr. Garrison began in earnest his life work on a farm. The next important event in his life was his first marriage, which took place December 16, 1841. His bride was Miss Cynthia Hall, daughter of the late M.T. Hall. As the result of this marriage there were eleven children - ten sons and one daughter, of whom five are living, as follows: M. Brown Garrison, in Bradley county, Ark.; John J. Garrison, in Denton, county, Tex.; Ed L. Garrison, in Rock Hill; Richard and Eugene Garrison at home with their father. Mr. Peter Garrison was married a second time on November 25, 1862, his second wife being Miss Tirza Carothers. By this marriage there were three children as follows: Wm. P. Garrison, Anna L. Garrison and Eva J. Garrison.

Mr. Garrison connected himself with Ebenezer church in early . His father before him, Josina Garrison, had been an elder for forty years and he has held the office for fifty-seven years. During most

of that time he has led the choir, and during all of it, he has participated actively in every work or duty that has affected the welfare of the congregation. Although he has held various positions of honor and trust in political and civic life, he has always felt that his position in the church conferred a higher honor than any other. For many years he has been a standing delegate to presbytery, synod and the general assembly.

Because of his advanced age, Mr. Garrison did not go to the front at the breaking out of the war. It seemed as if the fight was for younger men and it was the common belief that they would be equal to all emergencies. But later on, when the situation took on a more serious appearance, he volunteered and went to the front. He was captured near Petersburg on March 25, 1865, and was confined at Point Lookout until after the surrender. His oldest son, Mr. Brown Garrison was in the service during the entire four years, and another son, John J., then a mere boy, went with him to the front about 1865. At the same time, there were in service twenty-seven nephews.

In the stormy and soul trying times of 1876, Mr. Garrison did yeoman service in the work of redeeming the county and state from Negro rule, and in 1878 he was elected to the house of representatives, his colleagues being Augusta Deal, G.L. McNeel, B.F. Massey and Charles Green. I.D. Witherspoon represented the county in the senate.

Mr. Garrison's home is on his farm between Newport and Rock Hill. He has lived there since 1836. As a farmer he has always been progressive, thorough and successful. His home is one of the most comfortable in all the county surrounding and one of the most hospitable. Notwithstanding his advance age, Mr. Garrison still keeps in close touch with hosts of friends, and not only loves but is loved by all the young people of his neighborhood. It has been the lot of but few men to enjoy the love and esteem of all his people to such a remarkable degree as does Mr. Garrison. He still enjoys good health, and his lot is as full of happiness as seems possible this side of the heavenly home to which he has always looked forward with such pleasure and confidence.

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### OBITUARY OF WILLIAM IRWIN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday July 5, 1893, p. 2, col. 2

#### William Irwin

Mr. Irwin quietly and peacefully passed away Sunday, July 2, 1893. He was blessed and comforted with the tender ministrations of his five children who survive him.

He was a native of Ireland and received a fine classical education in that country. He came to America in the forties and was married in Lincolnton, N. C. He taught school in Greenville several years and came to Spartanburg in 1850 to 52 and took charge of the male academy here. He afterwards taught at St. John's college. After the war closed he did not return to the school room.

He always demanded good work of his pupils and his discipline was strict, without being severe. His early training qualified him for thorough work. Aside from his text books he had fine general information and was a most enjoyable companion in the social circle.

For years he was a communicant of the Episcopal church and his body rests by the side of his wife who preceded him only a few years.

Editor's Note: From the grave markers at the Episcopal Church of the Advent cemetery in Spartanburg:

William Irwin (b. Roscommon County, Ireland)

Amelia E. Irwin

January 25 1818 - July 2, 1893

Entered Into Eternal Life Jan. 1, 1883 in Her 63. Year

See pages 134-136 below for additional Irwin family information.

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# CAMBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (1843-45) OF ABBEVILLE DISTRICT

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Source: *The Index Journal*, Greenwood, S.C., Sunday, January 25, 1934, p. 5, col. 4.

The interesting fact that there was an organization of planters in this section for the general benefit of planting and known as "The Cambridge Agricultural Society" in 1843-45 is revealed in a list of members of this society in a small account book of the late Capt. John R. Tarrant owned by Mrs. A.M. Smith, his granddaughter. Capt. Tarrant evidently was secretary and treasurer of this society and he gives a list of those who "have signed the constitution for the years 1843, 1844 and 1845. Apparently the dues were one dollar as opposite each name is this amount in figures.

The name "Cambridge Agricultural Society" is easily understood as Old Cambridge had for a long time been the center of both judicial and educational activity for this part of the state but in the years 1843-44 and '45, the place itself was in the class of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" almost though there was still one or two stores, probably not more one, a hotel or tavern and a blacksmith shop, and a wheelwright's shop but little else. And when the Greenville & Columbia railroad came along about ten years later Cambridge faded out of the picture and the present town of Ninety Six took its place.

## Prominent Members

In the list of members of the "Cambridge Agricultural Society" appear names of prominent planters in several sections of the Saluda river valley starting with Francis W. Pickens (afterwards governor of the state), who had a plantation on Saluda on through the Cambridge-Ninety Six area up to Greenwood, on to Cokesbury and even beyond. With Pickens might be grouped Whitfield Brooks, the father of Preston B. Brooks; Maj. William Eddins, lover of race horses and who removed finally to Alabama; Preston B. Brooks, who was a planter then on his own account; Col. "Dick" Griffin, a man of wealth and influence; Dr. John P. Barratt, the physician and naturalist; Dr. John Logan, father of Dr. John Henry Logan; Dr. Thos. R. Gary, of Cokesbury, the father of Gen. Mart Gary; Dr. E.R. Calhoun, of Greenwood; Archibald Arncid, of Deadfall; Gen. James Gilliam, of Greenwood; and others.

## Full List of Members

Following is a full list of the members of the Cambridge Agricultural Society in 1843:

James Gilliam,	R.M. White,	W.H. Griffin,	George Shepperd,
William Eddins,	Wm. B. Smith,	Thomas Cheatham,	Rev. Wm. P. Hill,
William Carter,	W. Andrews,	Dr. John Stuart,	Vincent Griffin,
Robert Child,	Dr. John Holland,	Thos. C. Griffin,	R.C. Griffin,
James W. Child,	Thos. I. Colman,	Dr. John P. Barratt,	Johnson Sale,
T.S. Powers,	Samuel Beard,	James F. Watson,	W.N. Moore,
Whitfield Brooks,	J.J. Lentell,	John M. Leman,	N.L. Griffin,
Dr. S.V. Cain,	J.W. Coleman,	John R. Tarrant,	F.W. Pickens,
James Creswell,	Preston Brooks,	Z.W. Carwile,	John D. Williams,
Hardy Clark,	H.W. Rutherford,	R.A. Griffin,	Archibald Arnold,
Thomas Nickols,	Reuben Cooper,	James Ganor,	Thos. L. Whitlock,
Henry Beard,	W.W. Griffin,	A.P. Pool,	J.B. Moragne,
L.G. Carter,	W.R. Smith,	Thos. B. Byrd,	Leroy Watson,
R.C. Griffin,	Stanmore Brooks,	Dr. Thos. R. Gary,	Larkin Reynolds,
Thos. B. Dendy,	John Foy,	F.G. Thomas,	Dr. Thomas Lake,
Wiley Culbreth,	L.T. Seibels,	L.D. Merriman,	W.P. Andrews,

S. Trowbridge,  
T. Lipscomb,  
Richard Griffin,

Henry Chapman,  
Walter Meriweather,  
James McCracken,

Dr. John Logan,  
Wm. B. Brooks,  
Capt. Anthony Smith,

Wm. B. Mays,  
Coleman Griffin,  
G.W. Curtiss.

That the society was older than the year 1843 is proved by the fact that in adding up the total amount received from dues, Treasurer J.R. Tarrant adds an item of ten dollars "received by former treasurer."

The list of members for 1844 and '45 is practically the same with the following additions:

Stanmore Brooks,	Dr. E.R. Calhoun,	G.W. Holloway,	Richard Watts,
R.C. Gilliam,	Nathan Calhoun,	Dabney Calhoun,	Joel Smith,
Nathaniel L. Griffin,	Bennett Reynolds,	Henry Hill,	Jones Fuller,
Dr. William Templeman,	Ransom Holloway,		

# REWARD OFFERED FOR CAPTURE OF SHADRACK JACOBS, ESCAPEE, FAIRFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *Charleston Courier*, issue of Monday, September 4, 1809, p. 1, Col. 5.

[Editor's Note: See this *Quarterly*, Vol. XVI, May 2002, p. 71, for an account of the killing of Captain Andrew Feaster.]

## 300 Dollars Reward

Escaped from the gaol of Fairfield district South Carolina, on the 15th inst. Shadrack Jacobs, who shot and killed Captain Andrew Feaster of the said district, while aiding the deputy sheriff to face him with a bench warrant from the court of Newberry district, South Carolina. He made his escape and flew from justice, to the state of Georgia, where he was apprehended for horse stealing and committed to Washington Gaol in that state from which was demanded by the Governor of South Carolina, and brought to the gaol (from which he now escaped) in December last. A bill of indictment was preferred against him in Fairfield court, at April term last, for the murder of captain Feaster, and a true bill found by the Grand jury.

Shadrack Jacobs is about 40 or 45 years of age, about 5 feet eight inches high, stout and well made, fair complexion, light brown hair, mixed with grey, (cut very short when he escaped,) broad face, full cheeks, high forehead, small nose, heavy brow, blue eyes rather approaching the hazel, sharp and penetrating, his countenance betrays suspicion and fear when spoken to quick, or on the subject of his character, speaks slow and with caution, tolerably masculine voice, draws his words and it gives to them a flat sound or tone, he has a visible speck or defect on one of his front teeth, has a scar on some part of face or neck, (the part not particularly recollected,) has also a remarkable scar on his breast, 'tis believed on the left, near the nipple, viz, a sink or hole half, or nearly the size of an egg.

The above reward will be paid, to any person or persons who do or shall deliver the said Shadrack Jacob unto the gaol from which he escaped, or one hundred dollars for apprehending and confining him in any gaol within five hundred miles, and information given, so that he shall be got on application by legal authority from South Carolina.

Winnborough, 17th July, 1809

James Fort Muse, Sheriff, Fairfield District, South Carolina

[Editor's Note: See the following contribution for the family record of James Fort Muse.]



# FAMILY OF JAMES FORT MUSE, NATIVE OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

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Source: "Muse Family of Pointe Coupee, La", by Ellen Margaret Muse Coates, an unpublished manuscript typed in 1903. Mrs. Coates was a daughter of James Fort Muse.

Contributor's Note: Back in the 1930s and 40s, a gentleman by the name of E. W. McDonald compiled a huge amount of Muse data (his wife was a Muse), but he never published anything. When we were compiling *A Southern Legacy: Descendants of John Muse of Virginia* [(1994) by Dr. Roger David Chambers in collaboration with Lou Andrews Murphy and Robert T. Muse], Bob Muse kindly copied most of Mr. McDonald's papers for me, including "The Muse Family of Pointe Coupee, La" manuscript.

James Fort Muse, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fort) Muse, was named in the 1797 will of his maternal grandfather, Joseph Fort, as were his mother Elizabeth & and his brothers (Robeson County, NC Will Book 1: 47-48). He was Sheriff of Fairfield District, SC in 1809. He appears on the 1820 census of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, age "26-45", still single. He married in 1821, and is on the 1830 census of La Fourche Parish, Louisiana, p. 022. In 1840, he is found in the Poinsette Parish census, p. 198. James Fort Muse died in 1843 [see below]. His widow and her children are on the 1850 census of New Orleans, Ward 2, p. 74. They are listed with a widowed daughter, Ann (Muse) Merrill.

Research Editor's Note: The family of James Fort Muse was copied from a family Bible and recorded in the 1903 manuscript by Ellen Muse Coates. The family information on the following page will be presented in a format that differs from that of the 1903 manuscript.

The following excerpt from Mrs. Coates' narrative (page 6) tells how James Fort Muse died: "My father died on the 14th day of January 1843. He was in the yard giving directions to the servants about cutting an old dead tree, fearing on some windy night it might fall on someone. While standing near as it tottered, a large limb broke off and fell on him killing him instantly."

On page 11 of the 1903 manuscript Mrs. Coates provides some genealogical information on her Muse lineage. For completeness I have included, within square brackets, information from the book *A Southern Legacy: Descendants of John Muse of Virginia* mentioned above by Mrs. Murphy: "James Muse [her great-grandfather] married Miss Sophia Pope ... Thomas Muse [her grandfather] married Miss Elizabeth Fort of North Carolina ... His son Humphrey [b. Nov. 13, 1770] married Miss [Sarah Elizabeth] Staunton [Stanton], Elias Pope Muse [b. 1784-94] married Martha Du Bose. Joseph Muse was drowned when young. Thomas Muse [Jr., b. by 1789] married (I can not find out), had one son George Washington Muse who lived many years in Barnwell, S. C."

Humphrey, Elias, Joseph, and Thomas Jr. were the brothers of James Fort Muse. Mrs. Murphy found that Thomas Muse, Jr. was married first to Mary Harrison and second to Nancy Inabinet. The sisters of James Fort Muse were not mentioned by Mrs. Coates in her manuscript. However, Mrs. Murphy proved that he had at least two sisters: Asenath Muse, who married Thomas Hine by 1816, and another sister, given name unknown, b. by 1800, who married Gasaway Godbolt by 1816.

Much of the manuscript "Muse Family of Pointe Coupee, La" is devoted to Mrs. Coates' French ancestors and their family history in the early Louisiana territory. Those of our readers who would like to have a copy of Mrs. Coates' manuscript may contact this Research Editor, whose address appears on the inside front cover of this *Quarterly*.

James Fort Muse

Born: February 4, 1776, Camden District, SC (in the region thereof that later became Fairfield District)

Died: January 14, 1843, Bayou Lettsworth, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana  
His parents: Thomas Muse and Elizabeth Fort Muse

Married: February 22, 1821, Ouachita, Louisiana

Margaret Adelaide Bourgeat

Born: November 5, 1805, Fort Miro (now Monroe), Louisiana

Died: After May 1894

Her parents: Narcisse Bourgeat and Marie Barbe Filhoil Bourgeat

Children:

1. Eliza Mary Bourgeat Muse  
Born: November 28, 1821, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La  
Died: 1863, New Orleans, La  
Married 1 st: October 29, 1840  
Husband 1 st: Andrew Adolphe Roland  
Husband 2 nd: Samuel W. Haight  
Born: July 23, 1823, Pine Woods, Ouachita Parish, La  
Died:  
Married: March 3, 1844, Catahoula Parish, La  
Husband: Chistopher Hunt Dabbs  
Born: July 28, 1825, Pine Woods, Ouachita Parish, La  
Died:  
Married 1 st: December 3, 1845, New Orleans, La  
Husband 1 st: Henry Merrill  
Husband 2 nd: Charles W. Horton  
Born: September 10, 1827, Pine Woods, Ouachita Parish, La  
Died: After 1903  
Married 1 st: Dec. 18, 1852, Pine Woods, Ouachita Parish, La  
Husband 1 st: Charles Van der Does  
Husband 2 nd: Thomas S. Coates  
Born: October 28, 1829, Louisiana  
Died: April 26, 1831, Thibadeauville, La
2. Julia Washington Muse  
Born: October 27, 1832, Oldham Co., Ky (per Bible record)  
Died: April 22, 1890, New Orleans, La  
Married 1 st: October 1860, Donaldsonville, La  
Wife 1 st: Cecile Roberta Bercegeay  
Wife 2 nd: Eliska Cecile Tircuit  
Born: July 31, 1837  
Died: July 21, 1861, Bulls Run, Virginia (Civil War)
3. Theresa Anna Muse  
Born: August 12, 1842, Bayou Lettsworth, La  
Died: September 18, 1846, Monroe, La
4. Margaret Ellen Muse
5. George Washington (1 st) Muse
6. James Fort Muse, Jr.
7. George Washington (2 nd) Muse
8. Martha Fort Muse

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# FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN WILLIAMS OF SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

Contributed by Susan Turpin, Spartanburg Regional Museum<sturpin@mindspring.com>  
Source: An old handwritten copy contributed to Spartanburg County Historical Association.

## Births

John Williams was born December 5<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
Margaret Rogers alias Williams was born June 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 A.D.  
Robert Rogers Williams was born February 8<sup>th</sup> 1808  
Thomas Williams was born August 27<sup>th</sup> 1806  
James Langston Williams was born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1810  
Ralph Williams was born June 5<sup>th</sup> 1811  
Solomon Williams was born April 12<sup>th</sup> 1815  
Rebecca Ann Eliza was born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1825

## Births of R.R. and Allizer Williams children

Mildred Williams was born Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1844  
Malissa Williams was born Sep 17<sup>th</sup> 1846  
Ann Williams was born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1848  
Whitner Williams was born Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849  
Thos. Jefferson Lemar Williams was born Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 185(?)  
Josephine Williams was born March 14<sup>th</sup> 1854  
James Manning Williams was born April 18<sup>th</sup> 1857  
Robert Winslow Williams was born August 18<sup>th</sup> 1862

## Marriages

John Williams and Margaret Rogers were married July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1805  
Ralph Williams and Elizabeth Harrelson were married August 6<sup>th</sup> 1835  
James L. Williams and Tabitha M. Rogers were married April 21<sup>st</sup> 1836  
Thomas Williams and Permelia A.L. Elliott were married February 1<sup>st</sup> 1843  
Robert R. Williams and Allizer Putman were married December 17<sup>th</sup> 1843  
Rebecca A.E. Williams and Jas. M. Alexander were married June [blank] 1844

## Deaths

Solomon Williams died March 27 1816  
John Williams died May 28<sup>th</sup> May 1852 - 75 years 5 months and 13 days old  
Josephine, daughter of R.R. and Allizer Williams died July 19<sup>th</sup> 56

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# DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. REBECCA EDWARDS OF EDGEFIELD DISTRICT

Source: *Edgefield Advertiser*, issue of Wednesday, November 5, 1856

DIED, on the 14<sup>th</sup> September last, after a short illness of a few days, at the residence of her son Isaac Edwards, Mrs. Rebecca Edwards, in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

She had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for many years. She adored the profession she made by an orderly walk and godly conversation. She left eight children and numerous relations and friends to mourn her loss.

A FRIEND

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# POPULATION IN 1809 OF THE DISTRICTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AS FOUND BY A STATE CENSUS

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Wednesday, September 20, 1809, p. 2, col. 4

Census. We have been favored with the following as containing the number of the white inhabitants of this state, taken in pursuance of an act of the Legislature, passed last session:—

[Read left to right in order of descending population numbers.]

Pendleton district,	19,935	Charleston district	15,951
Edgefield	15,666	Abbeville	12,125
Spartanburgh	11,890	Laurens	11,058
Greenville	10,748	Newberry	8,960
York	8,877	Chester	8,512
Union	8,262	* Fairfield	7,871
Sumter	7,702	Barnwell	7,646
Orangeburgh	6,489	Marion	6,303
Darlington	5,924	Colleton	5,392
* Beaufort	5,293	Kershaw	4,885
* Lancaster	4,217	Lexington	4,061
Marlborough	3,618	Chesterfield	3,601
Richland	3,482	Horry	2,934
Williamsburgh	2,227	Georgetown	1,750
		Total	215,451

The census of 1800, taken by the Federal Marshall, gave the number of white inhabitants at

196,255

Increase in nine years 19,166

\* These are not correct; and we understand that the Executive has given directions respecting them—*City Gazette*.

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# MURDER OF A FORMER SOUTH CAROLINIAN IN ARKANSAS

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, October 13, 1875, p. 1, col. 6

A correspondent of the *Memphis Appeal* gives an account of a cold blooded murder committed in Mississippi County, Arkansas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. The facts in the case as follows: There lived a quiet and inoffensive citizen, known as J. D. Greer, in Mississippi County, his home being a little cabin located in a dense wood and far from other habitation. Being a bachelor, and having no relations in the State, Greer lived alone in his cabin, being engaged in hunting and tilling a small tract of land. About the 20<sup>th</sup> of last August Greer was found dead in bed, a rifle bullet having passed through the wall, near the head of his cot, and penetrated his brain. Marks of a charge of buckshot were also found in the wall of the cabin. Upon the head of his rude and humble bedstead was written: "J. Greer—born 1833—shot on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.—buried on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1875."

The affair is a mystery as yet resolved. The deceased was a native of South Carolina, and is supposed to have been murdered for his money, as his neighbors say he had realized quite a sum from the sale of furs and peltry. The assassins of the poor old hunter are still at large and unknown.

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# UPSTATE DEATH NOTICES IN 1809 AND 1810 FROM THE CHARLESTON COURIER

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1809

Issue of Saturday, January 28, 1809, p. 3, col. 2 [Fairfield District]

Died, at Winnsborough, on the 23d ult. [December 23, 1808] EDWIN LEROY M'CALL, M. D. in the 27 th year of his age.

Issue of Thursday, February 16, 1809, p. 3, col. 1 [Newberry District]

DIED of consumption, in Newberry District, on the first instant [February 1, 1809], Mrs. MARIA CLAUDIA DONNAN, in the 23d year of her age, formerly of this city. ...

Issue of Tuesday, February 21, 1809, p. 3, col. 1 [Laurens District]

DIED, on the 1 st of February, in the 31 st year of her age, Mrs. ELIZABETH DUNKLIN, consort of James Dunklin, Esq. Of Laurens District.

Issue of Tuesday, March 14, 1809, p. 3, col. 2 [Spartanburgh District]

DIED, in Spartanburgh district, in this state, on 17 th ult. [February 17, 1809], Mr. JOHN HERRON, merchant, formerly of this city.

Issue of Monday, April 3, 1809, p. 3, col. 3 [Chester District]

Col. ELIJAH NUNN, sheriff of Chester district, has been murdered by SAMUEL FLOYD, in attempting to serve a bail writ upon him. He has left a widow a large family of children. The murderer confessed the fact and surrendered himself up to justice.

Issue of Monday, May 15, 1809, p. 3, col. 2 [Chester District]

DIED, on the 4 th instant, in Chester District, Mr. ARCHIBALD PAGAN, late of this city, a merchant.

Issue of Wednesday, July 19, 1809 p. 3, col. 3 [Fairfield District]

A murder was committed in the 4 th inst. [July 4, 1809] in Fairfield district, by WILLIAM ASHLEY, on the body of *Humphrey Gibson*, of Richland district. It appears that a dispute had taken place between the two parties, and that Gibson being off his guard, Ashley knocked him down with a large slider, or cross bar of a waggon, and gave him another blow after he had fallen. The blows were given about dark, he languished till about two hours before day-light the next morning, when he died. Ashley has made his escape. — *Columbia paper*

Issue of Monday, September, 25, 1809, p. 3, col. 3 [Kershaw District]

DIED at Camden, on Wednesday the 6 th inst. Mrs SUSANNAH BLANDING, consort of Dr. William Blanding, of that place.

Issue of Thursday, December 21, 1809, p. 3, col. 1 [Pendleton District]

Departed this life, in Pendleton district, on Tuesday night the 5 th inst. Mrs. MILLY BROWN, the amiable consort of Elijah Brown, Esq. after four weeks [of] severe illness of a nervous fever, leaving an affectionate husband and nine children to lament and long deplore the great and irreparable loss of so highly esteemed a bosom companion and endearing parent. She lived for twenty years a sincere and exemplary christian of the Methodist Episcopal church ...

1810

Issue of Saturday January 20, 1810, p. 3, col. 1 [Abbeville District]

Died, in Abbeville district, on Sunday 31 st December, 1809, WILLIAM ATWOOD native of Ireland, aged 102.

Issue of Friday, March 16, 1810, p. 3, col. 1 [Abbeville District]

Died, in Abbeville district, on the 27 th ult. [December 27, 1810] Mrs. SUSANNAH S. PICKENS, wife of Andrew Pickens, Jun. Esq. of Pendleton, aged 22 years. [A long eulogy follows.]

Issue of Thursday, May 17, 1810, p. 3, col. 1 [Fairfield District]

Departed this life on Sunday the 5 th inst., in Fairfield district, the Rev. WILLIAM ROSBOROUGH, aged 45 years. ... He had officiated as a Presbyterian preacher in the church of Christ for about 15 years ...

Issue of Tuesday, August 28, 1810, p. 3, col. 2 [Pendleton District]

Died, on the 1 st inst. At Woodland, near the Court-House, Pendleton District, after a long illness, in the 25 th year of her age, Mrs. MARY DART, wife of Thomas Dart, Esquire. Her sincere belief in the Christian Religion, and a firm hope in the mercy of God, softened the pangs of disease, and deprived a death bed of its terrors. To a surviving husband, children, and numerous relatives and friends her loss is irreparable, and will be mourned by them till they meet her pure spirit in a better world.

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## POPULATION OF THE STATES AND TERRITORIES IN 1810

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Tuesday June 18, 1811, p. 3, col. 1

### [STATES]

Virginia	965,079	New York	959,220
Pennsylvania	810,163	Massachusetts <sup>M</sup>	700,745
North Carolina	563,515	South Carolina	414,935
Kentucky	406,911	Maryland	380,546
Maryland	380,546	Connecticut	261,942
Tennessee <sup>M</sup>	261,727	Georgia	252,433
New Jersey	245,562	Ohio	239,760
Vermont	217,913	New-Hampshire	214,414
Rhode Island	76,931	Delaware	72,674

<sup>M</sup> In 1810, Maine was a part of Massachusetts. The two parts were enumerated separately, with Maine having a population of 228,705 and the remainder of the state having a population of 472,040.

<sup>M</sup> In 1810, Tennessee was divided into Tennessee West (with population of 160,360) and Tennessee East (with population of 101,367).

### TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENTS

Orleans	76,556	Mississippi	40,352
Indiana	24,520	Columbia	24,023
Louisiana	20,845	Illinois	12,282
Michigan	4,762		

The total enumerated population of the states and territories was 7,298,421.

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# FAMILY GROUPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS FROM COUNTY COURT RECORDS

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Contributor's note: The intent and purpose of this contribution is to expose family groups and family connections from the various types of court records from the upstate counties of South Carolina. The county and the type of record will be carefully identified. The wording, sentence structure (or lack thereof), and punctuation (or lack thereof) of original documents will be followed as closely as possible. Information within a document that is not essential nor relevant to the genealogical content will be elided, as indicated by successive dots, i.e., ... . Statements or individual words not in the original document will be enclosed by square brackets [ ]. Names, places, and dates are sometimes set in boldface type by the contributor for purposes of highlighting and emphasis.

## GREENVILLE DISTRICT

Greenville District, SC} Probate Court, Apt 9, File 628, Estate of William Davenport, Deceased (1842), Micajah Berry and Isaac Davenport, Ex'ors

### Will of William Davenport

[From a typed copy made from the original by the Nathaniel Greene and the Behethland Butler Chapters D.A.R., Greenville County. This typescript copy is contained in the probate file.]

State of South Carolina, Greenville District} In the name of God Amen -

I William Davenport of the District of Greenville and State of South Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made - And first and principally I commit my soul unto the hands of my creator who gave it and my body to the earth to be interred ~~as it hath~~ <sup>at the direction of my executor, hereafter named and as to such worldly estate as it hath</sup> pleased God to entrust me with I Dispose of in the manner following.

**First.** - It is my desire that my executors hereafter named do immediately after my death proceed to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

**Secondly.** - I give to my beloved wife Phoebe Davenport During her natural life the Plantation on which I now live, with everything there unto appertaining also the following negroes (viz) Gloster, Jude, Silvey, Hannah and Joe, also as much of the house hold and Kitchen furniture and as much of the plantation tools and as much of the stock of every kind as she my desire to have and to hold the said plantation, negroes furniture tools and stock during her natural life and no longer.

**Thirdly.** - I desire that immediately after my death or as soon as convenient that all my negroes (except those herein before given to my wife during her life) as well as those which have been loaned to my children as the others now in my possession shall be divided into five Equal lots of value by three disinterested person selected by my executors and approved by my children, that the negroes I have loaned to my children with their increase, be first returned by them by them {sic} before the division is to take place - that then all the negroes be valued as above directed by the three persons to be selected as above mentioned and divided into five lots as nearly equal in value as practicable - then my son Isaac Davenport is to have one of these lots of negroes during his natural life and no longer - My daughter Susannah McDavid one other lot of these negroes during her natural life and no longer - My daughter Sicily Vance one other lot of these negroes during her natural life and no longer - my daughter Temperance Chandler one other lot of these negroes during her natural life and no longer - And to my son Isaac Davenport I give the remaining lot of these negroes to have and to hold the

same during his life for the use, benefit and sole advantage of my son Francis Davenport during his natural life and no longer.

**Fourthly.** - At the death of my wife I desire that the plantation on which I now live and which I have already given to my wife during her natural life shall be divided into five parts according to the plats and surveys of the same which have already been made by Col. Hampton Shumate and I give unto my son Isaac Davenport that portion of the said land described by the plat on which his name is marked and which is stated to be for him, to have and to hold the same during his natural life and no longer, - and I give unto my daughter Susannah McDavid during her natural life and no longer, as much of the said land as is described in a plat of the same marked with her name as intended for her - and I give unto my daughter Temperance Chandler during her natural life that portion of the said land which is described in the plat marked with her name as intended for her, and I give unto my daughter Sicily Vance during her natural life that portion of the said land which is described in a plat as the same marked and laid off for her as intended for her, and I give the other fifth part of the said land described in a plat of the same as intended for my son Francis, to my son Isaac Davenport to have and to hold the same for the sole use and benefit and advantage of my son Francis Davenport during his natural life and no longer -

**Fifthly.** - And I desire also that on the death of my wife, the said negroes already given to my wife during her natural life shall be divided equally into five equal lots or as nearly so as practicable, as is directed in the third section of this my will and I give to each one of the following named children one lot of the said negroes viz Isaac Davenport; Susannah McDavid; Sicily Vance and Temperance Chandler to have and to hold the same during their natural lives and no longer. - And the remaining fifth lot I give unto my son Isaac Davenport to have and to hold the same for the sole use benefit and advantage of my son Francis Davenport during his natural life and no longer.

**Sixthly.** - I desire that all the rest and residue of my personal property at my death be sold by my executor, and out of the proceed of such sale they will endeavour to make the lots of negroes equal in value by paying to those whose lots are not of equal value with others. And at the death of my wife, I desire that all the remainder of my personal property of what kindsoever it may be, not already disposed of, shall be sold by my executors for the purpose of making the five last mentioned lots of negroes described in section fifth of this my will, equal in value as others.

**Seventhly.** - I desire to give and bequeath at the death of my son Isaac Davenport, all the land negroes and other property already given to him during his natural life to the children of the said Isaac Davenport, living at his death, and their heirs forever. I also desire give and bequeath at the death of my daughter Susannah McDavid, all the land negroes and other property already given to her during her natural life to the children of the heirs of Susannah McDavid living at her death, and their heirs forever. I also give bequeath and desire at the death of my daughter Sicily Vance, all the land negroes and other property already given to her during her natural life, to the children of the said Sicily Vance, living at her death, and their heirs forever. I also give desire and bequeath at the death of my daughter Temperance Chandler all the lands negroes and other property already given to her during her natural life, to the children of the said Temperance Chandler, living at her death and their heirs forever. I also give bequeath and desire at the death of my son Francis Davenport all the land negroes and other property already given to him to my son Isaac Davenport to hold in trust for the use and benefit of the said Francis Davenport during his natural life, to the children of the said Francis Davenport, living at the death of the said Francis Davenport, and their heirs forever.

**Eighthly.** - In case any of my children above named, should die without leaving [heirs?] living



at their deaths then I desire that the portion given to such child or children should be equally divided amongst the children of the other of my sons and daughters living at the death of said son or daughter above mentioned dying without children living at his or her death.

**Ninthly.** — I do further ordain, constitute and appoint Isaac Davenport & Micajah Berry executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament revoking all others this the **fifteenth day of January** in the year of our Lord **eighteen hundred and forty.**

William Davenport {L.S.}

Signed sealed and published in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who have witnessed the same in the presence of the testator.

B. F. Perry William A. Cauble Alexander McBee

#### Codicil

Whereas I William Davenport of Greenville District, South Carolina have made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 15th of January 1840 thereby dividing all my real and personal property, except a certain tract of land which I have purchased since that time of John Kirby which said land if my children cannot divide among themselves satisfactorily, I hereby empower and authorize my executors to advertise and sell the same to the highest bidder and to make good and lawful title to the same.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Davenport and as for a codicil to be annexed to his last will and testament and to be taken as a part thereof.

In the presence of William Davenport {L.S.}

Lewis H. Shumate Nimrod Donaldson Willis Chandler

In conformity with the third and sixth sections of the within will I have thought proper, being of sound memory and with a good mind to allot my negroes and call upon my friends to value them, which said allotment and valuation I desire to remain good and valid (Viz) To Isaac Davenport I give Dick, Rhoda, Silva, Louisa, Austin, and Rebecca valued in the aggregate at twenty two hundred and fifty dollars. To Francis Davenport, Peter, Sarah, Caroline Harriet, valued at seventeen Hundred dollars. To Temperance Chandler Laila, Satah, Nancy, Joseph and Robert valued at eighteen hundred and twenty five dollars. To Susannah McDavid, Gloster, Jude, Mariah, Isaac, Ann, Bathshaba and Martha valued at twenty two hundred and fifty dollars and to Sicily Vance, Ned, Linda, John, Hannah, Amanda, Luch and Margaret valued by Benjamin Arnold, Tully Bolling and David McCullough at twenty three hundred dollars.

William Davenport {L.S.}

Executed July the 14th 1842

In the presence of Benjamin Arnold Tully Bolling David McCullough

Probated 7th day of November 1842; Recorded in Will Book C, pages 86 to 92; Apt. 9, File no. 628  
[This will was the only document in this file.]

#### GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville County, SC} Probate Court, Apt 34, File 2, Estate of Temperance Chandler, Deceased (1873)

#### Petition for Partition of Land

The State of South Carolina, County of Greenville} To Samuel Douthit Judge of the Probate Court for

Said County. The Humble petition of **Allen Chandler** respectfully Shows that **William Davenport** in his life time conveyed a tract of land of two Hundred and Sixty one Acres more or less to his daughter **Temperance Chandler** the wife of your petitioner and to her heirs and assigns forever, and that Said **Temperance Chandler** departed this life on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1867 intestate Seized and possessed of Said tract of land which is bounded by lands of Sicily Vance Wm Scott Obediah Davenport Hollis Davenport Samuel Vance Fielding Smith and is situate in Said County and State.

That Said **Temperance Chandler** left surviving her the following heirs and distributees who are entitled to Said tract of land according to their respective interests therein under the Statute of distributions of this State, viz, **Her husband** who is your petitioner and the following named children **William D. Chandler** and **David P. Chandler** both of whom reside outside the limits of this State—**John M Chandler**, **Phebe Ann Chandler**, **Susan E. Scott** wife of **James Scott** **Sarah Ann Chandler**, **Isaac M Chandler**, **Nancy Elizabeth Chandler** and **Mary Ellen Chandler** all of whom reside in this State. All of said heirs are of full age. Your petitioner is Satisfied that it is in the best interest of all the parties concerned that Said Land Should be partitioned among them so that each one can enjoy his in interest therein in Severalty.

Wherefore your petitioner prays your Honor to order and direct that Said lands be partitioned among the parties according to their respective interests therein under the Statute of distributions of this State in such case made and provided and that a writ of Partition be issued for that purpose directed to five commissioners therein named. Your petitioner further prays that the resident parties may be cited to appear before your honor on a day certain to Shew cause if any they can why Said land should not be partitioned as prayed for and that the absent parties may be notified to the Same effect by publication in the Greenville Mountaineer for the space of forty days. All of which is respectfully Submitted.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1872

Sullivan & Stokes, Attys for petitioner

[Many of the remaining papers in this file are so faint as to render them very difficult to read and impossible to transcribe accurately; they will be omitted here. The essential family information is captured in the petition above.]

#### GREENVILLE COUNTY

Greenville County, SC} Probate Court, Apt 199, File 33, Estate of Susan E. Scott, Deceased (1925), J. Allen Scott, Executor

State of South Carolina, Greenville County} 1. I **Susan Scott** declare this to be my last will and testament. 2. I give and bequeath to my daughters **Nancy Scott**, **Susan Scott** and **Kate Scott** to share equal all my household goods, furniture, and effects (other than money, or securities for money, cattle and stock) which shall be at my death in or about my dwelling house and premises.

3. The balance of my property—I direct—shall be sold and proceeds equally divided between my children **Tempie McKittrick**, **Sallie Davenport**, **John M Scott**, **J Allen Scott**, **Robert E. Scott**, **Ellie Ross**, **Annie Bailey**, **Ida Cox**, **Nancy Scott**, **Susan Scott** and **Kate Scott**. In case one of the parties should die, before this will goes into effect, such ones share shall be paid to their heirs.

4. I appoint my son **J. Allen Scott** as Executor of this my will. In witness whereof I **Susan Scott** have to this my will subscribed my name this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1919.

Susan E. Scott

At the request of Mrs. Susan Scott we the undersigned do subscribe our names as witnesses to this paper which she acknowledges to be her last will and testament.

Reuben D. Cothran J. N. Cothran J. M. Cox



To Fannie C. Scott, Probate Judge of said County:—The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

1. That Susan E. Scott ... died testate on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1925
2. That said deceased left a will bearing date the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1919 ...
3. ... the following are the beneficiaries therein named as legatees or devisees, whose names, ages, residence and relationship to the deceased appear below:

Name	Age	Residence	Relationship to deceased
Tempie McKittrick	58	Greenville Co.	daughter
Sallie Davenport	57	Greenville Co.	daughter
John M. Scott	54	Greenville Co.	son
J. Allen Scott	52	Greenville Co.	son
Robert E. Scott	50	Greenville Co.	son
(Mary) Ellie Ross	48	Greenville Co.	daughter
Annie Bailey	46	Charleston, S. C.	daughter
Ida Cox	44	Greenville Co.	daughter
Nancy S. Babb	42	Greenville City	daughter
Susan Scott	38	Greenville Co.	daughter
Kate S. Scott (Stewart)	34	Greenville Co.	daughter

The death certificate for Susan E. Scott, Greenville County, SC Certificate. Number (1925) 13858, reveals her birth date as June 6<sup>th</sup> 1842. She is buried in the Lickville Presbyterian Church cemetery, beside her husband James Scott (b. 1833–d. 1914), in lower Greenville County. Her daughter, "Aunt Tempie" of Liberty Hall (p. 114, above), is also buried at Lickville Presbyterian cemetery beside her husband. Their grave markers read:

S. T. McKittrick  
Feb 22, 1859–Sep 25, 1898

Temperance Scott, wife of S. T. McKittrick  
Aug 14, 1867–Jan 29, 1953

#### UNION COUNTY

Union County Deed Book B (1790), pages 282-283

State of South Carolina } This Indenture made the **twenty seventh day of July** in the year of our Lord **one thousand seven hundred and ninety** and in the fifteenth year of the American Independency between **William Littlefield** of the County of Union and state aforesaid of the one part and **Lenard Smith** of the County and state aforesaid of the other part whereas in and by a certain grant bearing date the **Eighth day of September** Anno Domini **one thousand seven hundred and seventy two** under the hand of his Excellency R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lord Cha<sup>s</sup> Montague ... Governor ... in South Carolina having the great seal of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina then called a province thereunto affixed, being for that purpose, did give and grant unto **Thomas Brown** a plantation or tract of land containing two hundred acres Situate lying and being on a branch of Sugar Creek, bounded South on vacant land and East on **James Blasingames** land, North on the **widow Littlefields** land and West on **Thomas Palmers** land ... and the said Thomas Brown did make over and convey unto William Wofford and successors the above mentioned Two hundred acres of land and from the s<sup>d</sup> William Wofford unto W<sup>m</sup> Littlefield Sen<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>d</sup> and by the death of the said William Littlefield has descended by hiership to John Littlefield Eldest son in hier at Law to the said W<sup>m</sup> Littlefield dec<sup>d</sup> conveyed unto W<sup>m</sup> Littlefield Jun<sup>r</sup> then from said William Littlefield Jun<sup>r</sup> conveyed unto Leonard Smith Now this indenture witnesseth that the said William

Littlefield for ... the sum of Fourteen [pounds] six shillings sterling money to him in hand well and truly paid by the said Leonard Smith ... do bargain sell and convey unto the said Leonard Smith one hundred acres of land part of the above mentioned tract of Two hundred acres ...

In witness whereof the said William Littlefield have hereunto these presents set his hand and seal the day and year first above written [signed] W<sup>m</sup> Littlefield {Seal}

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of Us

James Saunders Nickola Kealing

Received the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1790 of Leonard Smith fourteen pounds six shillings it being the full consideration money as written. Received the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1790 W<sup>m</sup> Littlefield

#### UNION COUNTY

Union County Deed Book K (1811), pages 266-267

Know all men by these presents that we William Littlefield Lucy & Rebeca Littlefield and Leonard Smith and Ann his wife of the State of South Carolina and District of Union, and Solomon Littlefield of the District of Spartanburg and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Absalom Littlefield of the District of Spartanburg and State aforesaid in the just and full sum of three hundred Dollars for the just and full payment whereof, we the said William Lucy & Rebecca Leonard and Ann His wife, and Solomon, do bind ourselves our heirs Executors administrators or assigns to him the said Absalom, his heirs or assigns Sealed with our Seals and Dated this **nineteenth day of February one thousand Eight hundred Seven.**

The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bound William, Lucy, Rebecca, Leonard and Ann his wife, and Solomon their heirs etc do and shall make, and confirm, unto him the said Absalom his heirs or assign at any time called on, a title in fee simple, to a certain Tract or parcel of Land being one half moiety of tract purchased by William Littlefield Senior in his lifetime of William Woodford [sic, Wofford] lying and being in the District of Union and State aforesaid containing fifty acres: bounded on the North by Hannah Brooks, on the East by Leonard Smith, on the South by Sampson Hays, on the West by John Putman then this obligation to be void, else to Remain in full force and virtue. In testimony whereof the said William Lucy, Rebecca, Leonard and his wife Ann and Solomon hath hereunto affixed their Seals the date and year within written.

Sealed and Deliver presence of us

Rebakah (x) Smith

Sampson (x) Hays

John (x) Littlefield

William Littlefield {Seal}

Lucy (x) Littlefield {Seal}

Rebekah (x) Littlefield {Seal}

Solomon (x) Littlefield {Seal}

[Leonard and Ann Smith did not sign this instrument of writing. Note that Ann is the same person as Nancy named below]

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 1811** I assign over all my Rights title & interest of the within land to Levi Whitten, His Heirs or assigns. In witness whereof I set my hand and Seal this day above mentioned

James Smith

John Woodson

Absalom (x) Littlefield {LS}

Recorded 7 day of May 1811

#### UNION COUNTY

Union District, SC } Probate Court, Box 17, Pkg 6, Estate of Lucy Littlefield, Deceased (1829), Rebekah Littlefield and James P Woodson, Ex'ors



### Will of Lucy Littlefield

The Last Will and Testament of Lucy Littlefield of the Deastrict of Union and State of South Carolina I Lucy Littlefield Considering the uncertenty of this mortal life and being of Sound mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the Same do make and publish this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say, **First** I give and bequeath unto **my beloved Sister Rebecah Littlefield** my Land and [in ?] hur lifetime and at hur Deceas to be sold and the money Eaquelly devided between **John Browning** the Son of **Robert Browning** and **Samuel Browning** the Son of **Samuel Browning** Deceas<sup>d</sup> Provided Rebecah Littlefield should [be ?] the Longest liver **Itum** I give and bequeath unto Rebecah Littlefield and Mary Browning all my wareing apparel to be Equally devided **Itum** I give and bequeath unto John Browning aforeSaid one Cow and Caff **Itum** I give and bequeath unto **Nancy Browning** the Daughter of Robert Browning one cow **Itum** I give and bequeath unto **Sampson Browning** the son of Robert Browning one young heifer and all my puter **Itum** I give and bequeath unto **Lucy R. Browning** the Daughter of Robert Browning my Bead and farniture and Bead Sted

**Itum** I give and bequeath unto **Levi Browning** the Son of Robert Browning one table and Scilet and I heur by appoint Rebecah Littlefield and Jas P Woodson Soal Executrix of this my last will and testament hearby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the **Twetrith** day of **February** in the year of our Lord **one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty nine**

witnis Present

James P Woodson Wych Goodin Rebecah (x) Littlefield

Lucy (x) Littlefield

### Proof of Lucy Littlefield's Will

S<sup>c</sup> Carolina, Union District} By William White Ordinary of said district— Personally appeared Wych Goodin before me who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth make Oath & say that he saw Lucy Littlefield sign and acknowledge the above Instrument of writing to be and constitute her last will and Testament, that she the said Lucy Littlefield was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding to the best of this deponents Knowledge and belief, and he the said Wych Goodin, James P. Woodson & Rebecah Browning did sign their names as Witnesses to the same at the request of the Testatrix in her presense and in the presense of each other. Sworn to and subscribed before me this **6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1829**

Wych Goodin

W<sup>m</sup> White Ordy.

### Summons in Partition

The State of South Carolina, Union District} TO  
Rebekah Littlefield daughter and heir of Rebekah Littlefield dec<sup>d</sup> and William Smith, James Smith, Fleet Smith, Levi Smith, James Nance and his wife Rebekah, Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith, Henry Smith, and Elizabeth Smith, all heirs and legal representatives of Leonard Smith dec<sup>d</sup> who is a legal heir of Rebekah Littlefield dec<sup>d</sup> by his intermarriage with his wife Nancy Littlefield daughter of s<sup>d</sup> Rebekah dec<sup>d</sup>.

YOU

are hereby requied to appear at the Court of Ordinary to be holden at Union Court House for Union District, on the fifth day of September Anno Domini, 1829, to shew cause, if any you can, why the real Estate of the said of the said Rebekah Littlefield deceased, situate in said district, on the ridge between Sugar Creek and Mitchells Creek, bounded on the North by lands of at present owned by W<sup>m</sup> Smith and William R. Wilbourn – on the East by lands owned by Mr<sup>r</sup> Farrar on the south by Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith's land – on the West by Smiths land and containing one hundred and Twenty Acres more or less should not be

divided or sold: allotting to the said Rebekah Littlefield five Sixths of the part not disposed of by her and the remaining on death to be equally divided between W<sup>m</sup> Smith, James Smith, Fleet Smith, Levi Smith, James Nance, Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith, Henry Smith, and Elizabeth Smith, legal representatives of Leonard Smith dec<sup>d</sup>.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

W<sup>m</sup> White Ordy. {Seal}

### Henry Smith vs Rebekah Littlefield et al {Summons in Partition}

We accept the legal service of the within Summons—

Ja <sup>s</sup> Smith	James Nance	Rebekah (x) Nance	W <sup>m</sup> Smith	test	Drury Sparks
Levi Smith	Thomas (x) Smith	Henry (x) Smith	attest Isaac Smith		Fleet Smith

[Contributor's note: The Littlefield siblings—John, Nancy, Absalom, William, Solomon, Lucy, and Rebeckah—named in the Union County Records above are real persons that Anne Littlefield Coleman weaves into her excellent historical novel entitled *Leaves of Chestnut Ridge* (Bloomington, Indiana, 1st Books - rev. 06/24/2003). They are children of William Littlefield, Sr and his wife Rebeckah Lee, daughter of James Lee. This novel is set in colonial Frederick County, Maryland, and it is crafted from carefully researched genealogical and historical sources. It covers the time from January 1764 (at the time of James Lee's death) to January 1772, when the Littlefield family joins a wagon train bound for the area in South Carolina that is to become Union County.

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### THE IRON WORKS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY UP FOR SALE IN 1788, SECOND NOTICE

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road Campobello, SC 29322

Source: *The Columbian Herald* (Charleston), issue of Monday, July 14, 1788, p. 1, col. 2

### Sheriff's Sales

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To-Morrow,

The 15<sup>th</sup> day of July Inst.

At 11 o'clock in the forenoon, *Before Beale's Wharf* [Charleston],

WILL BE SOLD,

The following valuable landed property, lately seized under execution as belonging to the Estate of John Berwick, Esq. deceased, viz. [Contributor's Note: The listings below were just two of numerous others.]

One undivided moiety or half share of a tract of Land, containing 300 acres, whereon William Woolford [sic, Wofford] formerly resided, and on which Iron Works were erected, and is situated on both sides of Lawson's fork of Pacolet River, including a large Shoal and Mill Seat.

ALSO

One undivided moiety or half share of Eight other Tracts of LAND in the vicinity if the aforesaid Iron Works, viz

1	Containing	450 Acres	2	Containing	650 Acres
3	"	200 "	4	"	300 "
5	"	400 "	6	"	300 "
7	"	150 "	8	"	211 "

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# WEDDING OF WILLIAM IRWIN AND AMELIA REINHARDT IN 1845

Contributed by Ann Page Irwin Lee, 314 W. Henry St., Spartanburg, SC 29304

Source: *Greenville Mountaineer*, issue of Friday, May 2, 1845, p. 3, col. 1

## MARRIED

In this Village [Greenville] on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. [April 29, 1845] by the Rev. Henry M. Denison, WILLIAM IRWIN and Miss AMELIA REINHARDT, third daughter of Col. DAVID REINHARDT.

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# DEATH NOTICE OF MRS. WILLIAM IRWIN

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, January 3, 1883, p. 3, col. 2

—Mrs. William Irwin died Monday morning [January 1, 1883] after a long illness. She was a native of Lincoln county, N.C. She was noted for her kindness of heart, her affectionate nature and energy of character. Her life and example are left as a rich legacy to her children, whose characters have been formed and molded by her influence.

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# NATURALIZATION DOCUMENTS FOR WILLIAM IRWIN

Contributed by Ann Page Irwin Lee, 314 W. Henry St., Spartanburg, SC 29304

Source: Spartanburg County Equity Court Petition, 1848, Box 7, Number 35

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} To the Chancellors of said State

The petition of William Irwin sheweth that he is a native of the kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland and has resided in the United States since 1841. That you petitioner is attached to the constitution of this state and of the United States and is desirous of becoming a Citizen thereof. That in December 1843 he took the preparatory oath of Citizenship and is now desirous of becoming a Citizen of the United States.

William Irwin

We do hereby certify that we have known William Irwin for several years past as a resident of this State, that he is man of good moral character and attached to the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the people thereof. June 6, 1848

James Edward Henry H. G. Dean B. F. Perry J. Johnston O. E. Edwards

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} William Irwin being duly sworn in open court makes oath that he has resided in the United States for more than 5 years, that he will support the constitution of the United States and that does absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince Potentate State or Sovereignty whatever and particularly of the Queen of Great Britain & Ireland in which kingdom he was born. Sworn to and subscribed in open court

Hon. T. O. P. Vernon

William Irwin

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District} In the Court of Equity June Term 1848

William Irwin a native of the kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland presented a petition praying to be admitted to the full rights of Citizenship in the United States of America under the Acts of Congress in such case made and provided. And it appearing to this Court that he is properly admissible thereto under the Acts aforesaid, It is ordered that the oath prescribed by the said Acts be administered to the said petitioner and the same was done and the same subscribed in open Court and the said William Irwin is therefore declared to be duly admitted to all the rights and privileges of Citizenship and it is ordered that the Court in Equity deliver to him a certificate thereof. June 6., 1848 J. Johnston

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# FAMILY BIBLE RECORD OF WILLIAM IRWIN

Contributed by Ann Page Irwin Lee, 314 W. Henry St., Spartanburg, SC 29304

Contributor's note: Only the family record pages have survived from the original Bible.

## Marriages

William Irwin and Amelia E. Reinhardt Married April 29<sup>th</sup> 1845

In Greenville, So. Ca. By Rev<sup>d</sup> H. M. Denison

[Contributor's note: Amelia's middle name was Elvira.]

## Births

William Irwin Born In Roscommon Co. Ireland January 25<sup>th</sup> 1818

Amelia E. Reinhardt Born in Lincolnton N Carolina November 27<sup>th</sup> 1820

Thomas Alexander Irwin Born in Greenville S<sup>c</sup> C<sup>a</sup> September 18<sup>th</sup> 1846

Catharine Elizabeth Irwin Born in Spartanburg So. Ca. December 6<sup>th</sup> 1848

William Pinckney Irwin Born in Greenville So. Ca. November 24<sup>th</sup> 1850

Margaret Jane Irwin Born in Greenville So. Ca. November 28<sup>th</sup> 1852 (Died)

Arthur Irwin Born in Greenville So. Ca. August 29<sup>th</sup> 1854

Henry Denison Irwin Born in Spartanburg S<sup>c</sup> C<sup>a</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup> 1858 (Died)

Mary Malinda Irwin Born in Spartanburg April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

## Deaths

Margaret Jain Irwin Died in Greenville So Ca. May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853

Aged 5 months, 25 days

Henry Denison Irwin Died in Spartanburg August 11<sup>th</sup> 1867

Aged 9 years 4 months & 10 days

Amelia Elizabeth <sup>Elvira</sup> Irwin Died Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1883

Aged 63 years 1 month 4 days

William Irwin Died July 2<sup>d</sup> (Sunday pm) 1893

Aged 75 years 5 months & 7 days

Katharine Elizabeth Irwin Died in Richmond Hill Long Island March 14<sup>th</sup> 1915

Thomas Alexander Irwin Died in Spartanburg June 29<sup>th</sup> 1923

Aged 76 years & 9 mos & 9 days

William Pinckney Irwin Died February 7<sup>th</sup> 1925

Aged 75 years 2 mos & 17 days

Arthur Irwin Died Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1925

Aged 71 years 3 mos & 14 days

[Added by contributor:] Mary Malinda Irwin Died in Spartanburg January 28, 1934

Aged 70 years 9 months 6 days

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## OBITUARY OF THOMAS ALEXANDER IRWIN

Source: *Spartanburg Herald*, Sunday, July 1, 1923, p. 1, col. 7

### Thomas A. Irwin Goes To Beyond

#### One of Best-Known Citizens Passes Quietly at Daughter's Home.

Thomas Alexander Irwin, one of the best known citizens of Spartanburg, who has been in failing health for a year or more, passed quietly away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Dashiell, near Whitney yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His remains were brought to the city last evening to the residence of his brother, Dr. Arthur Irwin, 249 Hampton avenue where they will rest until this afternoon, when they will be carried to the Church of the Advent for the funeral service at 6 o'clock. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Helen Walker of Greenville; and the following children: Mrs. Frank St. John, of New York; Mrs. Edward Dashiell, of Spartanburg, and W. Henry Irwin, of Atlanta. One daughter who married the late Zach McGhee, Miss Helen Irwin, died a number of years ago.

W.P. Irwin, Sr.; Dr. Arthur Irwin and Miss Mary Irwin, brothers and sister of the deceased, also survive him. Had he lived until next September, Mr. Irwin would have been 77 years of age.

The deceased was a son of the late William and Amelia Irwin. His father was a native of Roscommon county, Ireland, and a graduate of the renowned Trinity College, Dublin. He was a noted scholar of his day, and moving to Spartanburg from Greenville where he married, founded the old St. John's College for boys, which stood on the site of Converse college. In addition to having charge of the administration features of the institution of ante-bellum days, William Irwin taught languages - Latin and Greek. His son Thomas attended this college. After completing his education in young manhood Thomas A. Irwin married Miss Helen Walker of Greenville.

#### Confederate Veteran.

The deceased entered the war between the states as a sixteen year old lad, enlisting under Capt. William T. Wilkins in a cavalry company known as the "Spartan Rangers." While this company was independent of any regimental organization it rendered gallant and efficient service in both North and South Carolina. The company was in a number of engagements and gave the cause of the Confederacy valiant service. Mr. Irwin was a sergeant in this company when it was organized. Later on he was promoted to a lieutenant. Dr. Jesse F. Cleveland was a corporal in this company, and A.D. Chamblin of Woodruff was one of its sergeants. Tom Earle Johnson was a private in this company.

Thomas A. Irwin enjoyed the distinction of having worked continuously in the traffic department of a great railway system in one city for thirty-three years. During this period the name and ownership of the system changed three times, but his character, loyalty and efficiency was such that he always remained on the job. He first began working for the Spartanburg and Union road, when that line was first built. Then he worked for the Richmond and Danville, and still, later on, the name was changed to that of the present, the Southern Railway.

#### Genuine Neighbor

The passing of Mr. Irwin removes from active life a fine distinct type of personality. He was in every sense of the word a real neighbor and friend; he was a gentleman of the quiet unobtrusive type, never forward or conspicuous, but solid and faithful, bighearted and liberal minded. Throughout the city and elsewhere the news of the death of this useful citizen will be received with sadness and regret.

#### Funeral This Afternoon

Funeral services over the remains of Thomas A. Irwin will be conducted at the Church of the Advent this afternoon at 6 o'clock by the rector, Rev. W.H.K. Pendleton. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Following gentlemen will act as pallbearers:

Active: Paul J. Kennedy, E.M. Mathewes, [Roy? ? Leonard], C.P. Mathewes, Charles O. Hearon, Perry Coffin, W.G. Willard and T.G. Wall, of Greenville.

Honorary: W.S. Manning, Dr. Jesse F. Cleveland, John B. Cleveland, Prof. D.A. DuPre, H.A. Ligon, Sr., M.G. Stone, Thomas J. White and Charles Christman.

## THE CORNER STONE OF CLEMSON COLLEGE LAID (PICKENS COUNTY)

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Wednesday, August 5, 1891, p. 1, col. 5

Pendleton, S. C., July 28. The laying of the corner stone of Clemson college brought together a very large concourse of people here today, notwithstanding the very inclement weather. But for that the woods would have been literally full of people.

The ceremonies were under the control of the Masonic fraternity, Most Worshipful Grand Master Izlar presiding. The order met in Mechanical hall and marched to the site of the college, where Rev. D. W. Hiott offered a fervent and earnest prayer, both of thanks and invocation, after which the stone was lowered to its position by three successive motions. The deposits were then placed in the vault. The grand architect next tried the stone and declared it to be true, etc. The corn, wine and oil were then poured on the stone, after which the grand honors were taken up from the grand master. Next came the invocation. Most Worshipful Grand Master Izlar gave a short account of the history of Masonry. The ceremony here closed, and the people retired to the stand after the benediction. The Young American Cornet band of Anderson furnished music for the occasion. The prayer was offered by Rev. B. F. Wilson, of Converse College.

Governor Tillman was then introduced and spoke about half an hour. Maj. J. Lamb Buist, of Charleston, was the next speaker. He spoke most eloquently of the importance of Clemson college and the cause of education generally. The education of all classes was urged with great earnestness. His address was full of intense earnestness and good, sound sense. He was frequently applauded.

Col. L. L. Polk, of North Carolina, was next introduced to the audience. He spoke clearly and calmly, giving some good suggestions. Rain began falling but the people listened on. He defined education to be that training which will supply weapons with which to fight the battles of life. His speech abounded in the very finest language and carefully expressed thoughts. Both he and Maj. Buist's speeches were well worthy of the occasion and the men.

Here closed the program of the day and the grand lodge of the state again assembled in Mechanical hall and adjourned. The crowd was estimated at from 2000 to 4000. Good order prevailed and everything passed off quietly and successfully.

## TWO SPARTANBURG COUNTY DEATHS IN 1872

Source: *Carolina Spartan*, issue of Thursday, August 29, 1872, p. 2, col. 1

### Deaths

Mrs. REBECCA FOSTER, widow of Weldon Foster, died at her home in this county, on the 7 th instant, in the 90 th year of her age.

Mrs. PATIENCE FOSTER died at her home on Tyger River, in this County, on the 17 th instant, in the 84 th year of her age. She was the affectionate and faithful wife of JAMES FOSTER, with whom she had lived and shared the vicissitudes of seventy years.

[James and Patience Benson Foster were the great great grandparents of Betty Jean Foster Dill, our editor.]



### THE FIRST PROFESSORS OF CLEMSON COLLEGE

Source: The Carolina Spartan, Aug. 5, 1891, p.2, col. 2 [copied from Greenville News, July 31.]

The board of trustees of Clemson College yesterday finished the work of selecting the corps of teachers for the institution when it opens the first of February, 1892. The work was arduous and the selections were made from many applicants, all of ability and well recommended for the positions for which they applied. The board was in session nearly all day Wednesday and a good part of yesterday.

The board, however waded into the big pile of letters and applications. The salaries of the professors and their assistants were fixed, but will not be made public.

Prof. H. A. Strode, who was some time ago elected president of the college, will also be professor of mathematics. The following is the corps of teaches elected:

John G. Clinkscales, of Anderson, associate professor of mathematics. Professor of Mathematics and moral philosophy in the Columbia female college.

J. W. Perrin, of Abbeville, assistant professor of mathematics. Mr. Perrin graduated from the Citadel academy several years ago with first honor.

Chas. M. Furman, of Greenville, professor of English. Mr. Furman is a member of the Greenville bar, a son of the late Dr. James C. Furman, president of Furman university, and has had a successful career as teacher and professor.

Thos. B. Harrison, Anderson county, assistant professor of English. Mr. Harrison has just completed a four years course in the Johns-Hopkins university of Baltimore.

C. W. Welsh, formerly of Newberry, professor of physics. Professor Welsh is now in Texas and was at one time a professor in the Newberry College.

W. S. Morrison, Superintendent of the graded schools of this city, professor of history.

J. S. Newman, of Alabama, professor of agriculture. Professor Newman is now a professor in the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical college.

W. C. Wellborn, assistant professor of agriculture. Mr. Wellborn is a graduate of the agricultural and mechanical college of Mississippi, having been the first honor man of his class.

J. F. Dupre, of Abbeville, horticulturist.

A. V. Zane, of the United States navy, professor of applied mechanics and mechanical engineering. Mr. Zane's home is in Maryland.

Williams Welsh, of Newberry, instructor of drawing. Mr. Welsh is now employed by the government as a surveyor.

D. C. Hardin had already been elected professor of chemistry.

Lieut. E. A. Garlington of the United States Army, instructor of military science and tactics. Lieutenant Garlington will be detailed by the government.

Hard work will be required to open the school at the appointed time, but trustees are equal to the emergency and will make every effort to have everything in good shape by the first of February.

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### DR. J.B.O. LANDRUM'S ANSWERS TO THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EARLY SPARTANBURG AREA

Source: The Carolina Spartan, Wednesday, July 4, 1893, p. 2, col. 3

Editor's note: Doctor John Belton O'neall Landrum was a Confederate States surgeon in the Civil War. He authored the book Colonial and Revolutionary History of Upper South Carolina in 1897, while on an assignment in Guthrie, Oklahoma. His second book History of Spartanburg County was published in 1900 after he had returned to his home near Campobello in Spartanburg County.

#### From Oklahoma

[Carolina Spartan Editor's note:] Col. T. J. Moore desired certain historical information and he addressed a letter to Dr. Landrum, to which he sent the following reply. As the answers contain facts that interest readers of the SPARTAN we take the privilege of publishing the same:

Guthrie, Okla., June 27, 1893.

Col. T. J. Moore, Dear Sir -- I reached here last Saturday at 1 p.m. I came via Chicago, as the cheapest way to get here. I had a dead head pass to Asheville. From there I bought a ticket for \$31.85, and sold the returning part of it for \$12.00, and then from a ticket broker I bought a ticket to this place for \$17.50. I spent a part of two days at the World's Fair and its splendor and magnificence are beyond description. It would take a man a month to inspect it all.

The Radical Evening sheet is abusing Hoke Smith for sending me here and had denounced me as a carpet-bagger. I relieve to-day a prominent Republican at this place. I will write you more about the office again.

Now in answer to your questions:

**Question 1st.** When was the line between South Carolina and North Carolina run, which threw this section into South Carolina, it formerly being Anson county, North Carolina.

In reply, will say that I don't believe there was ever a time when the present territory of Spartanburg county belonged to North Carolina. I have searched for information on this point but have not found anything reliable.

You know that prior to 1730 both States were one, called Carolina. It was after the overthrow of the proprietary government when it was decided to divide Carolina into two provinces, North and South Carolina. If you will examine Wheeler's History of North Carolina, part 1, you will find a full history of the times and dates when the dividing line was run, beginning where the last line ended. The peculiar zigzag in the appearance of the line North of Lancaster county, and which makes a panhandle for the same, was caused by the fact that the surveyors had to go around an Indian reservation, I think the Catawba Indians.

Now here is a point that I want you to "stick a pin in." The line between the two States was continued westward as Indian treaties were brought about. The Cummings treaty with the Cherokees in 1733 was for the purpose of trade only. No territory was ceded, but in 1755 or 6, Governor Glen made a treaty by which the territory of the present counties of Newberry, Abbeville, Edgefield, Laurens, Union and Spartanburg was ceded. When this was done the dividing line between the States, at some subsequent time, was continued. Greenville and Old Pendleton districts, (now Anderson and Pickens) were ceded in a treaty by Gen. Andrew Williamson in 1776. The present county of Oconee was reserved in the treaty and bought by the State of South Carolina after the revolutionary war. (See map frontispiece Ramsey's History of South Carolina.) [Quarterly Editor's note: There is no frontispiece in Ramsey's history of SC.]



Now, as I have said, the line was continued from place to place, as these treaties were consummated. During and at the close of the revolution, it appears that no one knew where the line was. Draper, in his "King's Mountain and Heroes," gives a revolutionary map. The line which now runs due east and west from Broad river, is shown to make a deflection in a southwestern direction from said river. The old Baylis Earle place, where O.P. Earle now lives, is put down in North Carolina.

You remember that I succeeded in getting the census of Spartanburg county for 1790, which contains names of heads of families. Among these are the names of Baylis and John Earle, from Theron Prince, now aged 70 years, from O.P. Earle and others, I have been assured that John Earle always lived at the old Prince place. So you see the census taker at that time had but a very poor idea as to where the State line was.

The truth about it is the line was doubtful until 1815. During that year commissioners were appointed on the part of North Carolina and South Carolina to establish the line. The line was run and rocks set up (see Sims' History of South Carolina, Appendix) at the old Block House. Where the line (old Indian line) between Greenville and Spartanburg meets the North Carolina line, there is a rock set up. On one side are the letters "S.C.," on the others are the letters "N.C., February 15th, 1815."

I want to turn you down on another matter. You state that Spartanburg was once a part of Anson county. Other have said Craven county. If you examine Wheeler's History you will see that he makes an historical tree in which all the counties spring from three trunks - Craven being one, New Hanover another, and I forget the third, but Rutherford, Cleveland, McDowell, Buncombe, etc., do not spring from the Craven branch, but these counties, before the revolution, were a part of Tryon county, and if any part of our county ever belonged to North Carolina it was Tryon county.

#### Now to your next question:

When was Ninety-Six District set off and, when was Spartanburg county made?

If you will examine O'Neill's Annals you will get the information. In 1783 an ordinance was passed by the first convention of South Carolina after the revolution, appointing commissioners to divide the districts of Charleston, Georgetown, Cheraw, Camden, Ninety-Six into counties of a more convenient size. The Commissioners were Andrew Pickens, Richard Anderson, Thomas Brandon, Levi Casey, Philemon Waters and Simon Renwick. Under this ordinance Edgefield, Abbeville and Newberry were laid out, leaving the balance of Ninety-Six District (the present counties of Spartanburg, Union and Laurens), with a transfer of their county seats from Cambridge to Pinckneyville on Broad river.

By virtue of a "county court act" in the legislature of South Carolina introduced by Judge Pendleton, Spartanburg, Union and Laurens were laid out in 1785. (See county court book in Judge Thomason's office, etc.)

#### Now to your third question:

Where were the earliest land deeds recorded, say in revolutionary times?

My answer is Raleigh and Cambridge, Ninety-Six [District]. Alexander Vernon's will recorded at Cambridge and transferred to records Abbeville where Jno. B. Cleveland found it.

The oldest land deed is recorded in office of clerk of court at Spartanburg and is from Wofford to Linsey in 1760. This was a conveyance for a tract of land whereon Clifton No. 2 now stands. The deed was recorded in Raleigh and afterwards transferred to Spartanburg.

I have thus at length tried to answer you. I left all my historical books behind and have written from memory.

J. B. O. Landrum

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## THE ORIGIN OF BUSH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEWBERRY COUNTY AND SOME EARLY MEMBERS

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Source: Bush River Church minutes on microfilm in the Special Baptist Collection at Furman University, Greenville, SC

### The Origin and progress of the Baptist Church on Bushriver

The Baptist Church known by the name of Bushriver, from the best information, appears to have been constituted in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one by the Rev. Philip Mulkey and Samuel Newman; composed of Nine members, under the pastorate care of Samuel Newman, who was at this time chosen to be their Minister. But he being suddenly taken from them by Death, they were then left without any Minister; until M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Norris (A licenced Preacher) being a member of a church on Little Saluda [and] having received a call from this church to be their Preacher, was dismissed from that church and became a member of them [and] whose faithful and unwearied preaching caused them to hope he would become their Minister accordingly in the year 1773 he was called to ordained by the Rev. Philip Mulkey and David Rees and called to take the pastoral care of this church which had increase at this time to between 30 and 40 members. M<sup>r</sup> Norris continued his their minister till 1780 when he was suddenly taken from them by death. To the great grief of the [sic] them they were now left in a distressing situation under the loss of their Minister together [with] the Distressing Scene of the late American war which appeared to threaten their dissolution. But suffice it to say that amidst their distress they were enabled to attend constantly to their stated appointments for publick worship in the strongest bonds of brotherly love. They thus attended to the duties of their station. They were however encouraged by the hope that their loss would be repaired by [sic] M<sup>r</sup> John Cole S<sup>r</sup> whose ardent and warm Exhortation did encourage them th[at] he would be singularly useful, - in the year one thousand seventeen hundred and Eighty one he was called by the church to be their Preacher; whose earnest and labourous preaching greatly Strengthened their former hopes of his being qualifying [sic] for the great work of the Ministry and on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1783 he was ordained by the Reverend Joseph Burson and John Web and was cordially Received as their Pastor thus they being happily united together they Enjoyed the comforts of Christian Communion

From this time nothing Particular appears to call for our notice untill about 1791 they unanimously agreed to Send the Rev John Cole and Joseph Johnson to represent them in the Bethel Association to consult on measures Respecting their uniting with them - and agreed from this time to Record the acts of the Church and Appointed Michael Landers to be their Clerk for this Purpose and agreed (as heretofore) to meet on the day before the Second Sunday in Every Month (Except Providentially Prevented) for consulting on what ever Matters may be thought Necessary[;] and that all Such Meetings be Introduced with Prayer and Such other Devotional exercise as may be Expedient[;] and that their Meetings for business do Stand adjourned untill this time Except it should appear necessary to call Meetings at other times.

[Contributor's note: The names of the charter members of Bush River Baptist Church are not on this microfilm. There is an extensive list of male and female members, but there are no dates associated with the membership rolls. One may reasonably assume that the names are listed in chronological order and that the earliest members are named first. However, I have opted to present names associated with given specific dates between 1792 and 1801 from the well organized information at the beginning of the church minutes. See next page.]



**Members Received by experience and Baptism**

May 12. 1792	Sarah Mattocks	[Jan'y 10 <sup>th</sup> 1801]	Joseph Ryon
	Rebekah Walls	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	James Pitts
July 21. 1792	Joseph Griffin	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	James Johnson
May 10. 1793	Benjamin Butler	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Teague
June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1793	Benjamin Johnson		Henry Crow
	John Hill		Thomas Pitts
	Mary Richardson	June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1801	Caleb Pitts
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1794	William Cole		Benjamin Butler
August 5 <sup>th</sup> 1797	Marget Loftin		Nancy Pitts
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> 1798	William Loftin	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Catharine Beeks
Jan'y 12 <sup>th</sup> 1799	Ruth Pitts		John Williams
Feb'y 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Lewis		Hannah Case
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Martha Ryon		Mary Coat
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Lewis	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Cannon
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Felts	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Pitts
	Charles Crow		Rebekah Johnson
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Crow	Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	John Johnson
	Susanna Teague		Sarah Williams
Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jenor Cole	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	James Cole
	James Leavell		John Mangrom
	Elizabeth Leavell		Benjamin Johnson
April 12. 1800	Elizabeth Gary		Sarah Pemberton
	Elizabeth Butler		Mary Waldrop
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jesse Belton		Peggy Leavell
Sept. 11	Richard Waldrop	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Scott
Oct 11	Elizabeth Waldrop		Elizabeth Belton
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Butler	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup> [1801]	Susanna Belton
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rebekah Starlin		Rachel Gary
Jan'y 10 <sup>th</sup> 1801	John Pitts		Ann Belton
	Hannah Pitts		Mary Pitts

**Members Received by Letter**

Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> 1793	Lucy a woman of color	April 8 <sup>th</sup> - 1797	Jacob Groswhite
April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1794	John Gladdis	Oct. 13 - 1798	Catharine Rayly
June 13 - 1795	John B. Tear	May 9 <sup>th</sup> - 1800	Samuel McCran
	Cloe Tear		Stephen McCran
			William Bladen
			Mary Bladen

**Members Restored**March 9<sup>th</sup> 1799 John Ryon**Members dismissed by letter**

Feb'y 7 <sup>th</sup> 1795	Clement Davis	Jan'y 11 <sup>th</sup> - 1800	Mary Felts
April 11 <sup>th</sup> 1795	Sarah Davis	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Van Davis
Sept. 12 - 1795	Elizabeth Wormelsduff	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1801	Susanna Davis
May 11 <sup>th</sup> 1799	Jesse Brooks	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mullykin Howard
July 13	Nancy Brooks		Mary Howard
Oct. 12	Stephen Tear		Benjamin Johnson
	Ruth Goodwin		Sarah Pemberton
	Mary Padgett		Mary Waldrop

**Members Excommunicated**

June 13 1795	Susanna Hollonback	Oct. 13 1798	John Garret
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Moses a man of colour		
May 7 <sup>th</sup> 1796	Henry Butler	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 1799	James Reed

**Members Dead**

March 1793	Sarah Davenport	April [1797]	Thomas Gary
July	Rebekah Johnson	June	Robert Leavell
January 1795	James Johnson	June 1798	Simon Reeder
	Mary Davis	October	Patience Gary
	Mary Kelly		Mary Jones
August	Elizabeth Cole	January 1799	Ruth Pitts
October	Sarah Leavell	September	Elizabeth Gary
January 1796	John Williams	April 1801	Elizabeth Leavell
	Uria Gary	July	Martha Richards
March	Mary Butler	November	Elizabeth Reeder
October	Alse Johnson		Nicholas Hill
March 1797	John Gladdis	December	Mary Waldrop

[To be continued]



# REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION OF JOHN RIDGEWAY, Jr., OF LAURENS DISTRICT

Contributed by Dr. James L. Reid, 730 Walnut Hill Road, Campobello, SC 29322

Source: Revolutionary War Pensions and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900, S-21947

Laurens District} On this 2 day October 1833 appeared before his Honor John S Richardson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in open Court was sitting John Ridgeway a resident of Laurens district in the State of South Carolina aged 73 years, he being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, viz, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and services as herein stated That he volunteered in the militia of South Carolina in the Fall of 1777 under Capt John Rodgers and served a tour of three months during which time he assisted in building a block house on the Indian line to protect the white citizens of S Carolina from the Indians. In January 1778 He again volunteered and served a tour of three months under Capt James Mulwee in Co<sup>l</sup> Hays Regiment of S<sup>c</sup> C<sup>a</sup> militia, W<sup>m</sup> Mulwee was his major during this tour he was stationed at a blockhouse on the Indian line. In the Fall of 1779 he was drafted for a tour of three month and served under Capt John Stephens about two months of the time when Stephens was cashiered for improper conduct and the company in consequence of the approach of the Tories under Co<sup>l</sup> Boyd dispersed.

In March 1780 he was drafted for three months under Capt John Ritchie in the Regiment of S<sup>c</sup> C<sup>a</sup> militia commanded by Co<sup>l</sup> Robert McCrary We were marched to Covert[?] Hill near Augusta, Georgia. From that place we started to Charleston and on our way heard of the fall of that place we were then marched across Santee for safety and came up on the opposite side, we were marched to Granby and there discharged a few days before the expiration of our tour of service. Gen<sup>l</sup> Williamson and Gen<sup>l</sup> Pickens were our commanders during this expedition In November 1780 he served under the command of his father Capt John Ridgeway to Georgia and joined Co<sup>l</sup> Clark we were marched to Augusta where we had an engagement with the Tories we then returned to Co<sup>l</sup> Clark's and from that place this applicant returned to S<sup>c</sup> Carolina In December 1780 this applicant volunteered and served a tour of three months under Capt John Ridgeway and Co<sup>l</sup> Hays, afterwards Co<sup>l</sup> Levi Casey's Regiment of S<sup>c</sup> Carolina militia and was in the engagement at Young's in Ninety Six [District] now Laurens District when the Tories were defeated he was then marched to Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River where he joined Gen<sup>l</sup> Morgan and was in the Battle of the Cow Pens from that place he was marched to Congaree where he was discharged about the first of March 1871.

He entered the service as a substitute in the place of Thomas Ridgeway for a tour of three months in Capt William Jones' Company in a Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Co<sup>l</sup> Lynch and Lieut. Co<sup>l</sup> Calloway. This applicant being at that time a refugee from South Carolina to Bedford County, Virginia, there joined the Army of the United States under the command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene at Carter's Ferry on Dan River, from that place he marched to Guilford Court house in N<sup>c</sup> Carolina and this applicant was in the Battle of that place at which his Captain was killed. He was then placed under the command of Co<sup>l</sup> Washington as a rifleman in Capt James Dillard's Company and continued with the army until it reached Neuse River where he was regularly discharged (his tour having expired) which discharge is last or next last. He then returned to Virginia and was drafted for a tour of three months under Capt John Nickels in a Virginia Regiment of militia commanded by Co<sup>l</sup> Nickels and was marched to the siege of York Town, where he joined the American army under Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington and remained

until the fall of that place, when he was discharged before the expiration of his tour of service. He served in the whole war more than Eighteen months and has the documentary evidence in his possession to testify to his services.

He was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1760 in Buckingham County, Virginia. He has a Register of his age now in his possession made by his father. He removed to what is now called Laurens district in 1773 where he has resided ever since with the exception of the time he was in Virginia as a Refugee. He has the documentary evidence in his possession to prove his services. He has no particular recollection of the Regular officers with whom he served except those who are named in the above declaration.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Ira Potter and Richard F Simpson will Testify as to my character for veracity and good behaviour. Robert Long will testify as to my revolutionary services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any other state. Sworn to & subscribed to in open court the day and year aforesaid.

John Garlington, cl[er]k

John (X) Ridgeway

Mr. Ira Potter a clergyman residing in Laurens district, and Richard Simpson residing in the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Ridgeway who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be about 73 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and Subscribed in open court on the day and year aforesaid.

John Garlington, cl[er]k

(signed) Ira T Potter [and] R<sup>d</sup> Simpson

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt of a letter, found in the pension file of John Ridgeway, written October 14, 1929 by the commissioner of the national archives in response to a query from Mrs. Rebecca L. Wilkenson of Pooler, Georgia: "... He always served as a private. He was allowed[a] pension on his application executed October 23, 1833, while a resident of Laurens District, South Carolina. He died prior to November 21, 1839 in the upper part of Georgia, leaving "a family", no names given.

This is the history of the only soldier named John Ridgeway found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau. ...

Very truly yours, Carl D. Church, Commissioner"

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## A DELAYED MARRIAGE IN 1811

Source: *The Charleston Courier*, issue of Thursday July 11, 1811, p. 3, col. 3

Married, at Williamsborough, Granville County, (N. C.) Major SMITH, of Prince Edward, (Va) to Miss CHARLOTTE B. BRODIE. [This match, consummated only a few days since, was agreed upon 31 years ago at Camden, (S. C.) The capture of the Major, then Capt. Smith, at the battle of that place separated the parties which other events of the war continued to prolong, and until within a few months since, each supposed the other to be dead. An accidental circumstance lately brought them acquainted again, and neither plead any statute of limitation in bar of the old bargain. Miss Brodie was formerly an esteemed preceptress in the female department of the Raleigh Academy.]

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## SOME NEWS FROM OCONEE COUNTY

Source: *The Enterprise and Mountaineer* (Greenville), issue of Wed., November 3, 1886, p. 4, col. 4

## Oconee Matters

From the Walhalla [*sic*, Keowee] *Courier* of the 28th ult:

Miss Hassie Whitmire, age about fourteen years, daughter of Mr. R. T. Whitmire, died of typhoid fever on Sunday, October 24th, 1886.

The court house, at this place, was cracked in several places by last Friday's earthquake. Some of the cracks extend from the ground to the top of the building. The damage is not considered serious.

Married, on Tuesday night, October 12th, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Edward Boyd, by Rev. W. C. Seaborn, Mr. Robert L. Galbreath to Miss Carrie L. Boyd, all of Oconee County.

Mr. Marcus White, who lives at Mountain Rest, in this County, killed on last Thursday a white squirrel.

Mrs. Hattie Taylor, daughter of the late Rev. Fletcher Smith, died at her home Saturday morning, October 23d, 1886, and was buried at Old Bethel Church on Monday, the 25th. The burial services were conducted by Rev. B. J. Guess.

High authority confirms us in the opinion that Col. J. J. Norton, of Walhalla, will succeed Judge Cothran on the Bench. The State should reward empty sleeves and the one-legged where the highest ability accompany them. Oconee has never had a high position in the State since its formation.

Mr. W. A. Miles, of our town, has one of the largest hogs, one year old, we have seen or heard of for a long time. The length of the animal is 54 inches, height 30 inches and circumference at the largest part of the body 69 inches. The estimated weight net is 450 pounds, which, at 8 cents per pound, would be \$36. The pig cost \$3 and the feeding \$9. The hog is the Jersey red stock. We congratulate Mr. Miles that he does not keep his smoke-house entirely in the "far West."

The Pendleton stock show was a great success. The visitors were delighted with the show, the people and the entertainment. The display of stock is said to have been the best yet made, and the attendance was good, 1,700 to 2,000 persons having been present.

Capt. Andrew Jackson died at his residence on Crooked Creek, in this County, some weeks ago, after a lingering illness. He was a very old man.

Mr. Archibald McAlister, a native of Ireland, but for many years a citizen of Oconee, died at his residence on Little River, on the 15th inst. Mr. McAlister had been an invalid for a number of years and suffered much in his last illness.

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## DEATH OF JOHN TAGGART OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Source: *The Abbeville Press and Banner*, issue of Friday, November 26, 1869, p. 2, Col. 3.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Taggart, an old and high esteemed citizen, which occurred after a short illness, at his residence in this village, on Sunday last, the 21 inst. The deceased was born in this village in January, 1801, and was hence in the 69th year of his age. He was the son of Moses Taggart, long the Ordinary of the District, and served himself of one term, as Sheriff of Abbeville, having been elected to that office in 1835. With the exception of a short absence, his life was spent in Abbeville village; and here he was universally esteemed for the integrity of his character and the rare kindness and affability of his temper. He was a member of the Episcopal Church here from its foundation; his last moments were cheered by the consolations of the Christian faith. He leaves a large circle of relatives to mourn his loss.

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## FEMALE INGENUITY

Source: *The Highland Sentinel*, issue of June 10, 1840, p2, col. 5

*Secret Correspondence.*—A young lady, newly married, being obliged to show her husband all the letters she wrote, sent the following to an intimate friend.

"I cannot be satisfied my dearest friend! blessed as I am in the matrimonial state, unless I pour into your friendly bosom, which has ever been in unison with mine, the various sensations which swell with the liveliest emotions of pleasure, my almost bursting heart. I tell you my dear husband is one of the most amiable of men. I have been married seven weeks, and have never found the least reason to repent the day that joined us; my husband is in person & manners far from resembling ugly, cross, old, disagreeable, & jealous monsters, who think by confining to secure a wife, it is his maxim, to treat as a bosom friend and confidant, and not as a play thing or menial slave, the woman chosen to be his companion. Neither party he says, ought to obey implicitly;—But each yield to the other by turns.—An ancient maiden aunt, nearly seventy, a cheerful, venerable, and pleasant old lady, lives in the house with us; she is the delight of young and old; she is civil to all the neighborhood round, generous and charitable to the poor. I know my husband loves nothing more than he does me; he flatters me more than the glass, and his intoxication (for so I must call the excesses of his love) often makes me blush for the worthiness of its object, and wish I could be more deserving of the man whose name I bear. To say it all in a word, my dear \_\_\_\_\_, and to crown the whole, my former gallant lover is now my indulgent husband, my fondness is returned and I might have had a Prince, with the felicity I find with him. Adieu! May you be as blessed as I am happy."

*Explanation.*—By reading every other line, commencing at the top, you will get the true sentiments of the writer and discover the secret.

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# CATAWBA COMPANY LAND SALES IN 1813

Source: *The Charleston Courier*: issue of Saturday May 8, 1813, p. 1, col.3

## CATAWBA COMPANY'S LANDS

Will be offered at Public Sale, at the following times and places:

Those TRACTS which lie between the Indian Boundary and the North-Carolina line, at York Court-House, on *Tuesday the 23d of March, inst.*

Those within the District of Chester, at Chester Court-House, on *Tuesday the 20th[sic] of March, inst.*

Those within the District of Lancaster, between Cedar Creek and the North Carolina line, at Lancaster Court-House on *Tuesday the 6th of April next.*

Those within the District of Fairfield, between the Wateree and Sawney Creek, at the Fairfield Court-House on *Tuesday the 13th of April next.*

Those which lie between Camden Ferry and Sawney's Creek, on one side of the River, and between the same Ferry and Dander's Creek, on the other side of the River, at Camden, on *Wednesday the 16th June next.*

Those that lie on the East side of the River, between Sanders's Creek in Kershaw District and Cedar Creek in Lancaster District, at the House of Mr. JOHN RUSSELL, on Beaver Creek on Saturday 19th June next.

The Sales will begin at 12 o'clock of each of the above respective days, and the terms will be Bond payable in 1, 2, 3, and 4 years, by equal installments, with interest on the last three years only, secured by mortgage or real property in approved of. *By order of the Board. T.S. Grimke, Sec'y & Treasurer*

## QUERIES

### WHADFORD

William Henry Whadford, 1860's-1939

My aunt recounts a story in the late 1960s when she and my uncle drove from their Colorado home to Walter Reed Medical Center to visit a very ill relative, then down to Miami and back to Colorado. Along their journey, she spotted from the roadway a statue - possible headstone - with the name of WHADFORD on it and an old country store with the same name spelled exactly the say way. They were unable to stop and investigate and, of course, she now wishes she had, especially since she doesn't recall the location or travel route they took. I've often wondered if what she saw actually spelled something else, having concentrated on the "H" beside the "W" and in her mind she saw Whadford. I believe anything is possible. Since our WHADFORD surname spelling is unique and through all my years of research, I have never been able to find a listing of another person living or deceased with that exact same spelling that was not known to me. I've researched variations of Wadford, Walford, Wolford, Walford, Woodford, Whitford, etc, without success. I hope the mysterious statue and country store was/is in your research areas/counties and I can at last concentrate my research with possible concrete clues that will lead me down a definite road to answers. Here is what we know:

Great-grandfather William Henry Whadford was supposedly born September 15, 1862(?), in Alabama(?), approximately during the Civil War years (different years on different censuses). The tale is told that his family may have originally come from the Carolinas and/or Georgia to perhaps Newton, Dale County, Alabama, where he may have been born. He was orphaned at a young age when his family may have died in a "plague" possibly on a river (house) boat. As the story has it, he was discovered alone after a couple of days. At some point, he was sent to live with a supposed "uncle" in Florida, but ran away with supposed "cousins" when he was a young boy and they ended up in Texas

with another supposed "uncle."

The family is able to trace him from his first marriage to Mary E. Havens on October 25, 1885, in Rains County, Texas, where he worked building Sulphur Springs Road. They had a son, William Henry Whadford, Jr. born October 15, 1886, in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, and Mary soon afterwards died.

My great-grandfather then married, on January 14, 1889, at Curoo, Dewitt County, Texas, Sminthie Ellen Matlock, born September 4, 1874, in Marlin, Falls County, Texas. They had six children:

1. Leona Josephine Whadford, female, born March 20, 1890, at Cuero, Dewitt Co., Texas.
2. Bonnie Monroe Whadford, male, born January 15, 1892, at Edna, Jackson County, Texas.
3. Jessie Winnie Whadford, female, born September 26, 1893, at Edna, Jackson County, Texas.
4. Maude Belle Whadford, female, born June 26, 1895, at Edna, Jackson County, Texas.
5. Lillie Mae Whadford, female, born March 5, 1898, at Edna, Jackson County, Texas.
6. Charles Henry Claude Whadford, male, born January 9, 1902, at Paonia, Delta County, Colorado, my grandfather.

The censuses found of William Henry Whadford are:

1900 Census, June 4, 1900, Montgomery County, Texas lists:

William Henry Whadford, w, m, born - Sept 1865, age last birthday is 30 or 39, and he is a logger (possibly in the San Jacinto Range) and his unknown parents were born in Alabama.

1910 Census, April 18, 1910, Delta County, Colorado lists:

William H. Whadford, w, m, age 47 (birth year 1863?), and was a survivor (dependent?) of the Civil War and that his father was born in Alabama and his mother was born in Florida.

1920 Census, January 24, 1920, Delta County, Colorado lists:

William H. Whadford, m, w, age 56 (birth year 1864?), both his parents were born in North Carolina

1930 Census, April 10, 1930, Delta County, Colorado lists:

William H. Wadford, m.w., age 66 (birth year 1864?), and father was born in South Carolina and his mother was born in Alabama.

William Henry died September 23, 1939, and is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Delta County, Colorado.

Recently, I finally found an Alabama census listing a Willie Wadford approximately the same age as my great-grandfather may/would have been. I include this information as the Hubbard last name may be some type of clue or tie you may recognize to the WHADFORD name/statue/country store and your research area/counties. It is

1870 Census, Shelby County, Hillsboro Post Office, Alabama, page 423. I cannot clearly make out Ms. Wadford's first name. The Listing is:

Hubbard, James D., age 24, m, w, Farmer, born in Alabama,

Mollie, age 20, f, w, Keeping house, born in Alabama.

Walter R. (or B.), age 1, m, w, At home, born in Alabama.

Wadford, ? (Annie/Nannie/Ammie, short for Amelia?), age 25, f, w, At home, born in Alabama.

Wadford, Willie, age 4, m, w, At home, born in Alabama.

My thoughts are perhaps Ms. Wadford may have been a sister (or some type of relative) to James D. or Mollie Hubbard, but she could have only been a boarder. I cannot locate any information of the Hubbards, either.

It's my hope that someone may remember or recognize the statue/country store and point me



in a direction, offer any ideas, or put me in contact with someone who may be able to help. I would be very grateful. Any assistance will be most assuredly appreciated!

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#### GOSWICK/GOSSETT

I am trying to get into DAR. This is background:

Fielder & Sabrina Jean Gossett

Rudolphus K. Gossett

John Edwin Gossett

I have an item showing Joseph GOSWICK of Union, SC, as making one eligible for DAR; however, I cannot connect to him, though, I feel that all came from the same group originally.

Any light you may shed on this is needed and greatly appreciated.

Barb Reaves Nelson (Mother: Sallie Mae Gossett), Greenville, SC; E-mail: [distler5@charter.net](mailto:distler5@charter.net)

#### CHAPMAN / DENNIS - Laurens County

Some older family members would mention areas in Laurens County called "Holly Spring," "Tony Creek," or "Stony Creek," and the Old Spartsburg Road. Are any of these areas still in existence? The last of these relatives died in 1999 at age 100, Vero O. CHAPMAN, born June 9, 1899.

Vero was a daughter of Virginia DENNIS, born in 1886, and Moses CHAPMAN, born in 1873. Moses was the son of a mulatto, McDuffie CHAPMAN, born during the 1850s.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

##### INCLUDING A PILE OF ROCKS

by Anne K. McCuen, published for the author by Southern Historical Press, P.O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad Street, Greenville, SC 29602 in 2005; red hardcover with gold stamped title; 551 pages, includes Bibliography and Index. Wide spaced lines, 14 point type for easy reading for those of us with slightly impaired vision, including the index of Individuals, Churches, Roads, Rivers, Creeks, Revolutionary War Veterans, Mills, Whiskey, etc of upper Greenville County, SC.

Order from the author, Anne K. McCuen, 610 Pendleton Street, Greenville, SC 29601-3320; E-mail: [landhistory@bellsouth.net](mailto:landhistory@bellsouth.net); Price of the Book is \$35 plus \$3.50 for postage and handling (\$38.50 total).

Easy to read narrative, beginning before the first deed was recorded on Glassy Mountain and through the early part of the 1900s, this is a history of the Center Family, their neighbors (50+ surnames mentioned) and Glassy Mountain Township. All the stories you ever heard about "The Dark Corner" and some you haven't heard, and the sources given from books, public documents, including land records, maps, church minutes books, magazines, newspapers, personal interviews, etc.

Some Chapter headings are Family Life and Community Affairs, Fellow Soldiers, The Militia, Schools, News and Gossip, Marriage and Family, 1840 Greenville, Gone to Georgia, Troubling Events, Family Tragedies, Murders, Distiller, Homemade Preachers and a Missionary, more.

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#### ADDITIONAL NAMES RESEARCHED BY PIEDMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Ballenger, Greer H.—413 Haverhill Cir., Easley, SC 29642; 864-859-1350; Greer; Davis; Green; White; Campbell; Ballenger; Kimbrell; Lewis; Kilgore; Hancock

Dawson, Linda French—211 W. 36<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA 98606; 360-694-1482; [texas44@earthlink.net](mailto:texas44@earthlink.net); In Greenville, Spartanburg, Laurens, Anderson Counties: John Peter French m. Anna Stone; William French m. Jane Stone; Jesse French m. Alisey Traynam, Aletha Lenhardt; Samuel French possible f. to John Peter French; Jonathan Stone, f. of Anna Stone; William Stone f. of Jonathan Stone

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Sumlar, Donald R.—22308 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032-8405; 263-395-1292; Sumner (Sptbg, Union Co., SC), Sumler, Sumbler, Sumlar (Sptbg. Co, SC)

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Wilson, Sue Hames—3402 Steeplechase Trl., Arlington, TX 76016; 817-457-8398; [CWilson935@aol.com](mailto:CWilson935@aol.com); 1817 Union Co., m. James Jefferson Briggs; Thomas George m. Elizabeth Haney; Elizabeth George m. Jesse Hughes 1836; Charles B. Hames in SC 1767, m. Catherine Krugg; William & Elizabeth Moseley Hames; Mark Hames (s. of Wm.) m. Margaret ?? ca.1809

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